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Now officially the Democratic nominee for president, John Kerry, upper right, practices his speech to the delegates Thursday at the FleetCenter in Boston. Kerry's running mate, John Edwards, right, spoke to the delegates Wednesday. Also on Wednesday's list of speakers was Gen. John Shalikashvili, above, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.



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## NewsTracker ... What's new with old news

## World

**Indonesia election:** Retired Indonesian Gen. Wiranto filed complaints Thursday in Jakarta with the Supreme and Constitutional courts, alleging that widespread irregularities at the polls damaged his chances of victory in the country's first ever direct presidential election.

Most analysts don't expect the legal challenge to change the July 5 poll results. Front-runner Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono finished with 33.58 percent of the vote, followed by President Megawati Sukarnoputri with 26.29 percent and Wiranto with 22.21 percent. Yudhoyono and Megawati will compete in a run-off election Sept. 20.

**Taligating death:** A German court in Berlin on Thursday lifted the jail sentence of a former DaimlerChrysler engineer convicted of causing the death of a woman and her daughter with his high-speed tailgating, ruling that "he is no Rambo of the road" and deserves only probation.

Fischer, 35, was convicted in February of negligent manslaughter and sentenced to 18 months in prison.

**Rwanda genocide:** A former Rwandan banker accused of participating in the country's 1994 genocide is being held in Brussels, Belgium, prosecutors said Thursday.

Ephrem Nkezabera, 52, was arrested June 21 in Brussels and is being held on charges of genocide and crimes against humanity, said a spokeswoman for the federal prosecutor's office.

**Madrid bombings:** Leaders of Spain's new Socialist government said Thursday there was never any evidence that Basque separatists were behind the Madrid bombings and accused the former government of withholding information of an Islamic link.

"All the objective facts have led us to Islamic terrorism and none to [the armed Basque separatist group] ETA since the March 11 investigation started until today," Interior Minister Jose Antonio Alonso told the commission investigating the blasts.

**Seminary porn:** A Vatican inspector investigating a Roman Catholic diocese where authorities uncovered a vast cache of child pornography at a seminary in Vienna has ordered the local bishop not to talk to media, Austrian radio reported Thursday.

Klaus Kueng, appointed earlier this month by Pope John Paul II, said he imposed the gag order to contain what he called "damage that has gone far beyond the St. Piusen Diocese." Bishop Kurt Krenn has angered many Austrians by dismissing the photos as part of a "boyish prank."

**Parmalat settlement:** Racked by a massive fraud scandal, Italian dairy giant Par-



**Saddam's health:** Deposed Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, shown in a July 1 courtroom appearance, is suffering from a chronic prostate infection and has refused to have a biopsy to prove he does not have cancer, Iraqi Human Rights Minister Bakhtiar Amin said in an interview Thursday on Al-Jazeera television. X-rays and blood tests carried out by U.S. military doctors did not show anything more serious than the infection, he added, and Saddam seemed to be in good health otherwise. Saddam, 67, has been held under U.S. detention at an undisclosed location in Iraq since his capture last December.

malat has agreed to make corporate reforms in a settlement with U.S. regulators that does not fine the company.

The Securities and Exchange Commission announced the settlement Wednesday with the insolvent company, which is being restructured.

## Nation

**Pub crawl ban:** The Newport, R.I., City Council on Wednesday unanimously approved an ordinance banning pub crawls.

The proposal follows the death of a 21-year-old college student in a bus accident outside a Newport bar in May. Businesses with liquor licenses who violate the ordinance would face fines of up to \$1,000 and 30 days in jail.

**Illinois Senate race:** Republican Jack Ryan officially withdrew from the U.S. Senate race Thursday, nearly five weeks after a sex scandal forced him to abandon his candidacy.

His exit came a day after Republican leaders said they were tired of waiting for him to take the step and scheduled a meeting of the committee that will choose his replacement.

**Jammed phone banks:** A former New Hampshire state Republican Party official who tried to stop Democrats from getting to the polls two years ago could end up losing his own right to vote.

Chuck McGee, the party's former executive director, pleaded guilty Wednesday in Concord to jamming Democratic phone banks on Election Day 2002. If the sentence he receives Oct. 29 includes prison time, he won't be allowed to vote while behind bars.

**Laci Peterson trial:** Scott Peterson's lawyer wants a judge to either dismiss the murder charges against his client or declare a mistrial because he alleges a police investigator led on the witness stand.

Mark Gergas maintains Modesto Detective Allen Brocchini fabricated part of his testimony to help prosecutors prove that Peterson killed his pregnant wife, Laci, in their Modesto, Calif., home and dumped her body into San Francisco Bay.

Judge Alfred A. Delucchi called a special hearing on Thursday for Gergas to explain why he should act in Peterson's favor.

**Cosby remarks:** Bill Cosby defended his controversial comments on blacks, adding that the music industry is "glorifying the wrong things" as he spoke about parenting and children at a college conference in Hilton Head, S.C.

Cosby, 67, made headlines in May when he criticized some blacks for their grammar and accused them of squandering opportunities the civil rights movement gave them. "I'm going to keep on saying what I've been saying," he said Wednesday.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

## Corrections

■ A story in Saturday's editions about a driving safety campaign in England had incorrect figures. Suffolk SafeCam in England has fixed speed cameras at eight sites in Suffolk County, England, and uses mobile cameras at 52 other locations.

■ A story in Tuesday's editions about the

22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit leaving Afghanistan contained the wrong rank of one of the Marines. He is Sgt. Maj. Tom Hall.

■ In a story that recently appeared in Stars and Stripes about Gulf War syndrome, The Associated Press erroneously attributed comments about a study into a possible cause for

Gulf War syndrome to Joseph F. Collins, a researcher at VA Maryland Healthcare System and one of the study's authors.

It was Dr. John Feussner, the study's senior author, who said that bacterial infection was "not the smoking gun" and is "off the table at this point."

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# Iraq postpones first national conference

## U.N. requests delay to encourage wider participation by key groups

BY SABAH JERGES

The Associated Press

BAQOUBA, Iraq — A national conference considered a crucial first step in the country's fledgling move toward democracy was postponed for two weeks, an organizer said Thursday, a day after a massive car bombing that killed 70 people.

The conference had been due to start Saturday. But it had been plagued by difficulties before it even began.

Key political groups have been promising to boycott, leaders in ethnically diverse areas have been unable to agree on delegates to send — and even before Wednesday's car bombing, officials have expressed worries the gathering will be a target for terror attacks.

Abdul Halim al-Ruhaimi, one of the organizers, said that after U.N. requests, the Iraqis agreed to a postponement until mid-August to give officials time to speak with groups that had been reluctant to attend.

U.N. officials told The Associated Press they had repeatedly called on organizers to delay the conference for as long as a month to encourage wider participation and ensure it was properly prepared.

Al-Ruhaimi denied the suicide

attack had any role in the decision to postpone the conference, which is to select a national assembly that will have some semi-parliamentary powers.

But the delay highlighted how Iraq's new government has struggled to get momentum in the democratic process even as violence has shown no sign of easing.

An American soldier was killed Thursday in clashes between U.S. forces and insurgents in Hawija, a town about 150 miles north of the Iraqi capital, the military said. Two U.S. Marines were killed in clashes a day earlier in Iraq's western Anbar province. The deaths brought to at least 909 the number of U.S. personnel killed in Iraq since the war began.

A wave of kidnappings continued — with the 22nd truck driver taken hostage by insurgents determined to hinder reconstruction and drive out coalition forces.

The insurgent group of Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi kidnapped the Somali truck driver and threatened to behead him in 48 hours if his Kuwaiti company doesn't stop working in Iraq, according to a videotape aired Thursday. The new abduction came a day after another militant group announced it had killed two Pakistani hostages.

Another militant group that kidnapped several foreign truck drivers said Thursday it would kill



On Tuesday, Foad Masoun informed that Iraq will delay holding a key national conference until the weekend during a news conference at Baghdad's Convention Center. On Thursday, organizers announced that the conference will be delayed again for at least two weeks to encourage key political groups to attend.

one of the hostages within 24 hours if its demands were not met, according to a video shown on Al-Arabiya television.

The group, calling itself "The Holders of the Black Banner," is holding three Kenyans, three Indians and an Egyptian and would begin beheading them last Saturday if the truck drivers' Kuwaiti employer did not cease business in Iraq and the hostages' countries did not withdraw all their citizens from Iraq.

Iraqi health officials, meanwhile, raised the death toll by two to 70 from Wednesday's suicide car blast, which devastated a busy, shop-filled street Wednesday in Baqouba. The bomb targeted Iraqi men waiting outside a police station to sign up for the force.

A Polish soldier was killed and six wounded when a series of roadside bombs set off by remote control went off Thursday and showered their patrol with shrapnel on a road south of Baghdad, the Polish Defense Ministry said.

Poland sent troops in support of

the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq and now commands some 6,200 forces from 16 countries in south-central Iraq, including 2,400 of its own.

Ukraine, meanwhile, is planning to reduce and eventually pull out its 1,650 troops from Iraq — the fourth largest non-U.S. contingent in the country.

The war has long been unpopular in Ukraine, and the government faces upcoming elections. The soldiers' mandate was up for renewal in August, and President Leonid Kuchma had previously suggested that they would remain.

A Defense Ministry spokesman, Vyacheslav Bolotniuk, said Ukraine is negotiating its plans with the United States and Poland, but he gave no time line, say-

ing only, "There will be a decrease of troops."

News of the latest hostage drama in Iraq followed Wednesday's announcement by a militant group calling itself the Islamic Army in Iraq that it had killed two Pakistani hostages because Pakistan was considering sending troops to the region.

Pakistan's leaders and parliament on Thursday condemned the apparent killings, while the slain men's grieving families pleaded with their killers to release the bodies for proper burial.

"Those who have committed this crime have caused the greatest harm both to humanity and Islam," Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf said Thursday.

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Wednesday, 906 U.S. servicemen have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 671 died as a result of hostile action and 235 died of nonhostile causes.

The British military has reported 60 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, eight; Bulgaria and Poland, six each; Ukraine, four; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 768 U.S. servicemen have died — 562 as a result of hostile action and 206 of non-hostile causes.

The latest deaths reported by U.S. Central Command:

■ One soldier was killed Wednesday in an explosion in Taji, Iraq. Another was killed Tuesday in an explosion in Basra, Iraq.

■ The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ No new identifications reported.

# Top suspect in U.S. embassy bombings in Africa caught

BY PAUL HAVEN

The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan has arrested Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani, a Tanzanian al-Qaida suspect wanted by the United States in the dual 1998 bombings at U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, the interior minister said Friday.

Ghailani — who is on the FBI's list of 22 most wanted terrorists, with a reward of up to \$25 million

on his head — was arrested Sunday in the eastern city of Gujrat along with at least 15 others, Interior Minister Faisal Saleh Hayat said.

"This is a big success," Hayat told Pakistan's Geo television network. "He was arrested a few days ago on an operation by security agencies in Gujrat."

"As a result of our investigation, it became clear that he was a major figure wanted for the bombings," Hayat said.

Hayat said Ghailani was being held at an undisclosed location in Pakistan, but indicated he might be turned over to U.S. authorities after investigations are completed. An intelligence official told The Associated Press he was being held at a facility in the eastern city of Lahore.

Ghailani, thought to be in his early 30s, was indicted on Dec. 16, 1998, in the Southern District of New York for his alleged role in the embassy bombings, which

killed more than 200 people, including 12 Americans.

He is suspected of buying the truck used as the vehicle bomb in the attack on the U.S. Embassy in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, in which 12 people were killed.

He could face the death penalty if convicted of the charges, which include murder of U.S. nationals outside the States, conspiracy to murder U.S. nationals outside the States, and attack on a federal facility resulting in death.

Ghailani, who also goes by the names "Fofope," "Fupi" and "Ahmed the Tanzanian," was also one of seven wanted al-Qaida suspects that the FBI and Justice Department asked for help in finding in May to help avert a possible terror attack over the summer in the United States.

Pakistan had said earlier that some of the 16 suspects arrested Sunday were from Africa, but had not said whether they were linked to al-Qaida.

# Afghanistan's U.S. suspect has media ties

BY FRANK GREVE  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — A lot of U.S. journalists saw a familiar face when soldier of fortune Jonathan Keith Idema turned up in an Afghanistan court last week, charged with kidnapping Afghans and detaining them at his private compound in central Kabul, the capital.

Idema, 48, from Fayetteville, N.C., has had a long — and sometimes questionable — association with the news business. In the process, he's led and misled reporters and consumers of their news.

On the upside, at least for Idema, were his appearances on TV programs as prestigious as CBS's "60 Minutes II" as an expert on al-Qaida and the Taliban. He also received a 2001 National Press Club award for online journalism.

On the downside was a hunger for publicity so keen that it took his implausible stories over the top. The latest, offered from prison last week via a U.S. freelance ally, bears this headline: "IDEMA: I STOPPED HUGE BOMB PLOT TO KILL GIs IN AFGHANISTAN-Says He Used Loud Melissa Etheridge Music to Make Terrorist Confused."

Idema denies abusing Afghans. He says Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld knew of his activities in Afghanistan, where he faces up to 15 years in prison if convicted. He's already served three years in a North Carolina prison on criminal fraud charges brought in 1994.

That conviction led editors at U.S. News & World Report and "60 Minutes" to delete references to Idema from a prize-winning 1995 story about nuclear materials being smuggled out of Russia, even though Idema was the original tipster on the story.

Many other journalists were less skeptical of him. They sometimes referred to him as a Green Beret, even though Idema's three years of active-duty Special Forces experience ended more than 20 years ago, according to the Defense Department.

Some were dazzled by his audacity or used him to gain access to exotic figures such as Afghan militia leaders. Others needed someone like Idema for their stories: an eager and presentable representative of the tight-lipped U.S. Special Operations community, or so he claimed, who was willing to talk and talk — on camera if asked.

Freelance TV cameraman Edward Caraballo of New York City, who was arrested and charged with Idema in Kabul, was a "deep embedment" with Idema's mysterious Counter-Terrorist Group, Idema told reporters after their arrest.

What Idema really did, beyond assisting reporters



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Americans Edward Caraballo, left, Jonathan Keith Idema, center, and Brent Bennett appear in a Kabul, Afghanistan, courtroom last week. They are charged with assault, robbery and torture of Afghans.

and humanitarian aid deliveries in Afghanistan, is unclear. Caraballo was part of a TV movie team that had been struggling since 1994 to tell and sell Idema's life story, according to James Morris, a California freelance writer involved in the effort.

Another member of the team, freelance TV producer Gary Scurka, 51, was wounded by Taliban gunfire while Idema and Scurka were on patrol with Northern Alliance troops in Afghanistan in November 2001.

Sometimes Idema had terrific material. In late 2001, he lured Dan Rather to Afghanistan with al-Qaida training films — authenticated by U.S. authorities — that Idema said he'd obtained through friends in the Northern Alliance.

In other appearances, Idema pushed information that's since been discredited.

In an MSNBC interview in February 2003, for example, columnist Mike Barnicle asked Idema, then in Afghanistan, whether he'd come across links between Iraq and al-Qaida. Idema's response: "Oh, absolutely."

The Sept. 11 commission and congressional intelligence committees have since found otherwise.

# Idema has case in carjacking

## Sergeant is accused of taking Iraqi sheik's SUV

BY KIMBERLY HEFLING  
The Associated Press

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — A military jury began deliberations Thursday in the case of an Army sergeant charged with carjacking a sheik's sports utility vehicle in Iraq.

The soldier took the stand Wednesday, arguing he only participated because an officer told him to do it and because he did not think it was a criminal act.

"I was a soldier fulfilling my duties to my lieutenant within the rules of engagement," said Sgt. 1st Class James Williams, 37, of rural Westmoreland County, Va. Williams, who is from the 101st Airborne Division, testified for about three hours in the second day of his court-martial. He is charged with armed robbery and willful dereliction of duty for allegedly allowing his soldiers to consume alcohol. If convicted, the father of two with 17 years of Army experience faces up to 15 years in prison.

The prosecution has maintained that Williams' act of taking the SUV was illegal and that he knew it was a violation of the rules to allow alcohol to be consumed in Iraq. Prosecutors have argued that Williams helped orchestrate a cover-up story that the vehicle was abandoned.

The Army later paid Sheik Ahmed W. Al-Faisal \$32,000 for the SUV.

Williams said he only went along with the cover-up story because the lieutenant, Bradley Pav-



Williams

lik, feared getting into trouble.

The day the SUV was taken, Williams testified that Pavlik threw a tantrum because two of the four platoon vehicles — including Pavlik's — were down, and he told squad leaders to find him a vehicle.

The opportunity arose later that day during a trip to the market to buy chicken when the SUV cut off another Humvee in a two-vehicle convoy Williams was in, he said. After about a five-minute chase, the SUV stopped, and the SUV was taken without force after the driver exited the vehicle, Williams said.

When they returned to the compound, Pavlik was "happy when we brought the vehicle back," he said. "You guys finally got me a truck," Michael Harvey, a former Army specialist in the platoon, testified Wednesday.

But when Pavlik learned the men did not leave a receipt as they had been instructed to do under the rules of engagement if a civilian vehicle was seized for military purposes, Pavlik told the men to say the SUV was found abandoned, Williams said.

Another soldier already has been convicted in the case and sentenced to prison. Pavlik faces a court-martial starting Aug. 9.



U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Tracy Perkins, left, and his attorney, Capt. Joshua Norris, leave a hearing Wednesday in Fort Carson, Colo., being held to determine whether Perkins and two other soldiers will be court-martialed. The three soldiers are charged with pushing two Iraqis into a river, where one of them drowned, in January.

# Troops' story supported by comrades at Article 32 on alleged Iraq drowning

BY ROBERT WELLER  
The Associated Press

FORT CARSON, Colo. — A second soldier testified Thursday that he spotted two civilians on a riverbank not long after other soldiers are accused of forcing two Iraqis to jump into the Tigris River, killing one.

Staff Sgt. Michael Kay testified that he could tell through his night-vision goggles the men he saw on the bank were civilians. He said his gunner, Spc. Tony Fincher, had spotted them first.

"I told him it was probably the detainees," Kay said.

The Article 32 hearing that began Wednesday is to decide whether the three defendants will face court-martial.

Two are charged with involuntary manslaughter in the alleged drowning, while the third faces

lesser charges. A man identified by family members in Iraq as Zaidoun Hassoun allegedly drowned near Samarra on Jan. 3 when he and a cousin were forced to jump into the river after being caught breaking a nighttime curfew.

Defense lawyers are trying to show that it is possible no one actually drowned that night. They said insurgents have frequently faked deaths to get soldiers into trouble.

Fincher testified Wednesday that he did not see the men forced into the river, but later saw two civilians emerging from the river through thermal imaging equipment. He said investigators had asked him only if he saw Iraqis being forced off a bridge.

Sgt. Alexis Rincon, a member of the patrol Jan. 3, testified that none of the soldiers believed the two Iraqis men were in danger because one quickly made it to shore.

Sgt. 1st Class Tracy E. Perkins, 33, and Sgt. Reggie Martinez, 24, are charged with involuntary manslaughter, as is 1st Lt. Jack M. Seville, 24. The Article 32 hearing is set for later. The third defendant in this week's hearing, Spc. Terry Bowman, is charged with assault for allegedly pushing the second man into the river. That man, a cousin of Hassoun named Marwan Fadel Hassoun, 23, survived.

Marwan Hassoun has told The Associated Press said he tried to help his cousin swim to safety, only to lose his grip as the soldiers watched and laughed from above. Among other witnesses planned by the defense were two men who have testified in the past about how the drug Lariam, given to troops headed to Iraq to prevent malaria, had resulted in attacks. That man, a military has stopped giving the drug to Iraqi-bound troops.



# Soldiers keep their distance from Baghdad brew

Stars and Stripes

BAGHDAD — U.S. soldiers stationed in the International Zone in Baghdad can sample almost everything on the menus of the small hamburger stands and Chinese restaurants scattered throughout the area.

The soldiers, who are not allowed to drink alcohol while deployed to Iraq, can look but not touch the coolers in the establishments that are stocked with ice-cold beer.

At noon Tuesday, when the outdoor temperature was about 115 degrees, 1st Lt. James Arceo and Spc. Scott Smith, from the 118th Area Support Medical Battalion were at a restaurant enjoying cheeseburgers with soda and orange juice.

"We have to be ready — be alert here, Arceo said. "We have to be alert at night and, and that means no alcohol."

His co-worker said he isn't even tempted by the chilled brews.

"It's not any beer I would drink," Smith said. "I like American beer."

Arceo said he could wait until he left Iraq to have a cold one.

"It's just not something we are allowed to do here," he said. "I can stay away from it until I get back home. I think most people in the military will be able to resist the temptation."

## Terminal changeover

Bagram Air Base's passenger terminal in Afghanistan seems to be adjusting well to a new set of operating rules, officials said in a recent news release.

The new procedures went into effect July 5 after the Air Force started running the terminal.

Soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and others looking to book a flight out of Bagram can now sign

up four days before their scheduled departure, instead of the two days they were allowed before.

"People have to remember that they are signing up for a destination, not a particular flight," said Tech. Sgt. Scott Helmer, passenger terminal non-commissioned officer in charge, in the release. "We are not making reservations for flights leaving Bagram — people aren't guaranteed a spot on any particular flight. People are still only traveling as duty standby or space-available standby."

Everyone flying needs to bring their ID card, and it's suggested they bring their orders, which should be stamped when signing up.

"About 24 hours before they want to leave, people should stop by the terminal again to see when

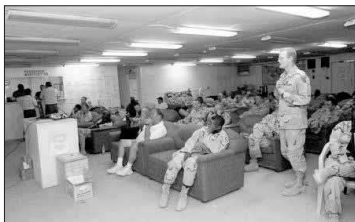


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Passengers watch movies and relax in the refurbished passenger terminal at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, while waiting for flights.

they can anticipate leaving — they can find out the show times for incoming aircraft and see when they need to be here," said Helmer.

Officials hope to build a new terminal in the future, but in the

meantime will continue to help servicemen in Bagram. A variety of reservation services are also available at the terminal.

Stars and Stripes reporter Rick Emert contributed to this report. He can be reached in Baghdad at: emertg@mail.estrpes.osd.mil

## Afghanistan officials urge doctors group to stay on

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Medecins Sans Frontieres pressed ahead Thursday with its plan to leave Afghanistan because of deteriorating security, but offered hope to dismaying government officials that it could make a swift return.

The medical relief agency said Wednesday it was quitting because the government failed to act against a warlord suspected in the June 2 slaughter of five of its staff, illustrating how violence has impeded humanitarian aid.

President Hamid Karzai said he regretted the group's decision and insisted his government was "fully committed" to investigating the killing. A U.N. spokesman said Thursday it also hoped MSF would return soon.

But Hub Verhaegen, head of mission for the group's main French section, said Karzai's assurances were insufficient.

"We hope there will actually be a good follow-up" in the investigation, Verhaegen said. "People have always expressed their willingness, but it never came to action."

In another setback, MSF's appeal to the Taliban to recognize its neutrality fell on deaf ears. "Some NGOs like MSF say they are helping the Afghan people but behind they are supporting U.S. policy, they are spies,"

Abdul Hakim Latifi, a purported Taliban spokesman, told AP. "We'll give them no guarantees."

On Thursday, members of MSF's 80 foreign staff were unplugging computers in its main Kabul office and preparing to leave the country. The red-and-white logos of the agency, which had been in Afghanistan for 24 years, were already gone from the gate.

Many programs have already been handed to the government and other relief groups in a pull-back to be completed next month. A hospital in the capital, for instance, has passed to the health ministry with three months' supply of drugs.

A number of five MSF staff — three Europeans and two Afghans — in northwestern Badkhis province was the deadliest for any international aid agency since the fall of the Taliban.

Latifi, the Taliban spokesman, claimed responsibility at the time.

But MSF officials said Wednesday that the Afghan interior minister told them of "credible evidence" that a former local security chief ordered the slayings in protest at his ouster.

That the former official, who wasn't identified, was neither arrested nor denounced "sends a message that it is acceptable to kill aid workers," Kenny Guck, MSF's director of operations, told reporters Wednesday.

## Bamberg MP remembered

BY STEVE LIEWER

Stars and Stripes

Hunting in the hollows of his native West Virginia helped Spc. Danny B. Daniels II cope with the loss of his mother in a car crash 13 years ago. His skill with a rifle earned him a job as a gunner when his unit left for Iraq.

That's the job Daniels, 23, of the 630th Military Police Company, was doing July 20 when insurgents aimed small-arms fire at his convoy in Baghdad, then exploded a roadside bomb next to his vehicle.

Three times in the past week — last Friday at his unit's home base of Bamberg, Germany; Saturday at the 630th MP base camp in Baghdad; and Thursday in his hometown of Varney, W.Va. — friends and family gathered to mourn Daniels.

"His tireless work ethic and good spirit motivated all those around him," said Capt. Will McKanney, Daniels' company commander, in comments read at the Bamberg service. "He was, from the very beginning, a role model for the team I wanted to create."

"Bubby" Daniels grew up in the Appalachians, the coal country where West Virginia meets Kentucky. He enlisted in August 2000, shortly after graduating from Burch High School.

Six months later, he joined the 630th MP Company's 1st Platoon in Bamberg, earning an "expert" rating on his weapons system, he deployed with the unit to Bad Aibling, Germany — a trip on which his platoon sergeant, Staff Sgt. Michael Curry, said Daniels figured out how to play compact discs over his vehicle's radio.

"He became the DJ for the trip down and back," Curry recalled at last week's memorial service in Bamberg. "[Daniels] could take a normal boring day and make it interesting."

In 2002, Daniels served with his unit for six months in Kosovo and deployed with it to Iraq in April. He was the first member of his unit killed in Iraq, and the fifth soldier from Bamberg.

Earlier this week, Daniels' family cleared and repaired the steep, winding lane to the cemetery where he was to be buried after a bad thunderstorm toppled trees and damaged the road, according to his hometown newspaper, the Williamson Daily News. His grave had already been dug and a



Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Spc. Danny B. Daniels II was killed July 20 in Iraq when insurgents attacked his convoy. Daniels was the first member of the 630th MP Company's 1st Platoon to die in Iraq, and the fifth from Bamberg.

tent erected for the service.

"He was a good patriot and a good son," his father, Danny B. Daniels Sr., told the paper. "I was proud of him. I want everybody to remember him. He died for his country. He died doing what he wanted to do."

Daniels is survived by his wife, Rilana; his father; his stepmother, Jenny; one brother; two sisters; and three grandparents.

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# FRGs get \$250K windfall from USAREUR

BY TERRY BOYD

Stars and Stripes

DARMSTADT, Germany — Family Readiness Groups around U.S. Army Europe are about to get a \$250,000 windfall that USAREUR officials say can be used for a variety of purposes.

"Really, what I hope is, those FRGs that had set aside money to do something permanent" will use the appropriated funds for capital purchases, which are heavily restricted, said Brig. Gen. Russell L. Frutiger, deputy chief of staff, personnel, at USAREUR headquarters in Heidelberg. That will free up the money they raised, which is subject to far fewer regulations.

The \$250,000 earmarked for FRGs will be disbursed immediately around USAREUR to commanders of units that are deployed, are going to deploy or have been deployed. That includes most Germany-based units including V Corps and both forward-based divisions, the Wiesbaden-based 1st Armored Division and the 1st Infantry Division, based in Würzburg. That money is not related to the 1st AD's extension in Iraq, Frutiger said.

"This is to take care of families," he said. "We're hunting for more. ... It's been a tough year for money, so we're lucky to get this."

The funds come from G-1 (personnel and resource management) budget savings, and must be spent by end of September, Frutiger said.

The \$250,000 breaks down to:  
■ \$6,000 for division FRGs.  
■ \$2,000 for brigades FRGs.  
■ \$1,000 for battalion FRGs.  
■ \$300 per separate company.

FRG leaders do not have to apply for the funds, Frutiger said.

There are restrictions on what FRG leaders may do with the money. Because the money is appropriated funds, it can't be used for financial gain, which would exclude fund-raising.

The money may be used for equipment purchases such as computers or business software or for transportation to training or temporary-duty expenses, Frutiger said.

The money also may be used for banners or hall rentals for welcome-home parties, for example, but not for food or beverages, he said.

A quarter-million dollars represents one of the largest infusions of money in her memory, said Dianne Hamilton, who was an FRG leader at both the company and battalion levels.

Army officials never meant for FRGs to be big money raisers, Hamilton said, and are limited to \$1,000 in nondesignated funds. However, restrictions on fund raising have eased in recent years.

Before, FRG leaders could do minor fund raising. But to raise funds outside of units, FRG members had to be sponsored by an official, private organization, with base support battalions' authorization and spending accountability.

The requirement for private organizations as sponsors has been lifted for major fund raising, though facility managers do have to authorize fund-raisers and provide some oversight, Hamilton said.

Army emphasis and reliance on FRGs to make families' lives better has grown in the last 10 or 15 years, she said.

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## Use of appropriated funds

While appropriated funds cannot be used to purchase all of the supplies, materials and other nice-to-have items, they can be used to purchase other authorized, high-cost items that drain Family Readiness Group coffers.

■ The \$250,000 may be used for training, limited to paying for travel and training for an FRG leader who is acting as an expert, consultant or adviser for the U.S. government.

■ Authorized purchases for FRGs include paper to print newsletters, large paper for welcome-home banners or other signs, art supplies to create welcome-home banners, and dedicated office furniture and equipment. Office purchases allowed include computer equipment, furniture and supplies. The money may not be used for computer games.

■ Commanders may pay the rental cost for halls for official welcome and reunion activities. However, appropriated funds may not be used for food, beverages, party supplies, party decorations, gifts, bands or entertainers.

Area Support Group commanders may use appropriated funds to pay volunteers' childcare expenses rung up during volunteer services. Other commanders may pay childcare expenses for FRG volunteers under certain conditions.

— Terry Boyd

## Multimillion-dollar project will upgrade Navy's computers

Plan will upgrade service's information highway

BY SCOTT SCHONAUER

Stars and Stripes

NAVAL STATION ROTA, Spain — A multimillion-dollar project to upgrade the Navy's overseas computer networks and install miles of fiber optic cable is expected to be a major resurfacing of the Navy's information highway.

The Base Level Information Infrastructure project has been in the works since 2002 and will be completed by the end of the year. It is designed to offer faster, more secure and efficient service for users.

Ric Larsen, project engineer for the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command in Rota, also known as SPAWAR, is helping install 2,000 computer jacks in 83 buildings at the naval station.

"It will be more robust, more bandwidth, more efficient," Larsen said.

"The user shouldn't see as many bottlenecks."

In 2002, SPAWAR in San Diego issued a \$102 million contract to

the Massachusetts-based General Dynamics to upgrade Navy networks in Europe, the Far East and Bahrain.

Options could drive the contract award to \$137.8 million, according to the initial release. Earlier this month, SPAWAR awarded a \$7.8 million modification contract not to exceed \$18.9 million to General Dynamics.

The contract includes such activities as conducting site surveys and testing the networks.

The upgrades will occur in the United States, South Korea, Spain, the United Kingdom, Japan, Diego Garcia and Singapore.

Dr. Dana Heidenescher, the assistant officer in charge of the Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, said the system is so much better than the older system that the command

will be able to redirect five information technicians to other areas. The command has 59 information techs.

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# ID system makes progress

## Security upgrade for USAREUR is set at more gates

By KEVIN DOUGHERTY

Stars and Stripes

MANNHEN, Germany — Two gates got the thumbs-up Thursday, and seven more access points should join the list by the end of next week.

While it may seem a long time in coming, U.S. Army Europe's new Installation Access Control System is actively being used at one-third of all entry gates, said Maj. Kevin Sickinger, IACS project officer in Europe.

The rest of the gates — about 130 — should follow suit over the next six months, Sickinger said. By January, a person entering any Army installation in Europe, or any Air Force base in Germany, can expect to have his identification card verified by a gate guard with a hand-held scanner.

"It just takes time," Sickinger said Thursday of the IACS set-up process.

Sickinger, an Army police officer, spoke from an office in Mannheim set aside to coordinate the high-tech security effort. It's an effort that began before the 2001 terrorist attacks, but which gained momentum afterward.

Originally, USAREUR officials figured the program would become fully operational by the end of this summer. But Sickinger said the condition of some front gates, among other things, has slowed the process.

At some locations, Sickinger said, "we were starting with phone booths and plywood buildings."

In some cases, the need to upgrade guardhouses to accommodate the system required specific contracts, which caused further delays. For a change, funding isn't a big problem. USAREUR still has more than \$3 million of an initial \$19 million outlay to get the system operational.

The access system relies on in-



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German army Pvt. Stefan Schulz scans an identification card Monday using the Installation Access Control System at the gate to Taylor Barracks in Mannheim, Germany.

formation previously supplied by the ID cardholder to electronically verify whether a person is permitted to enter an installation. Registrars take such information as name, unit and date of return from overseas as well as fingerprints and a photo to build the database.

Sickinger said a major issue in some communities is the registration process. Some people may have registered as required last year, but after receiving a new ID card, for example, neglected to reregister.

Ben Dols, the IACS project manager in Schinnen, Netherlands, acknowledged that registration is an issue in his area. Roughly half of the eligible ID cardholders have yet to register to be included in the system. That some times means delays at the front gate.

Otherwise, Dols said, the system is "working perfectly."

"I thought, in the beginning, we would have a lot of problems" with the system, Dols said, "but the biggest problem we have is people who are not registered."

In a perfect world, Sickinger said, the information provided by a person to base officials when he first arrives in theater and receives his ID card should carry over to IACS. But it doesn't, at least not yet, he added.

Ultimately, the system is designed to enhance security, even if it means an extra step or two for authorized cardholders, Sickinger said.

Army officials said people should contact their local provost marshal office to register in IACS. They also need to see the IACS officer when they get a new ID card or their DEROS changes.

The Web site [www.hqusar.army.mil/opm/iacs/IACS.HTML](http://www.hqusar.army.mil/opm/iacs/IACS.HTML) has more information.

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# Medal to award AF's food-drop participants

By LISA BURGESS

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Air Force has authorized the award of the Defense Department's Humanitarian Service Medal to airmen who assisted with air-drops of food to hungry Afghans during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Hundreds of airmen assisted in packaging and delivering nearly 2.5 million rations during the mission, according to Master Sgt. Ronald Tull, a spokesman for the Air Force's Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

The Humanitarian Service Medal has been around since 1977, is awarded to members of the Armed Forces "who distinguish themselves by meritorious direct participation in any significant military act or operation of a humanitarian nature approved by the Department of Defense."

The awarding of the medal recognizes the food drop and other humanitarian operations that took place from Oct. 7, 2001, to May 31, 2002, Tull said in a Wednesday telephone interview.

To qualify for the medal, airmen must have been assigned or attached to a unit participating in the humanitarian efforts, and they must have directly participated in the relief actions, according to an Air Force message issued July 4.

The unit's activities must have affected locations within the land area, airspace, or waters of Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, Gulf of Oman, or the Arabian Sea north of 20 degrees latitude and west of 68 degrees longitude.

## Airmen who qualify

Airmen assigned or attached to the following units have been awarded the DOD Humanitarian Service Medal:

- The Combined Air Operations Center, Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia
- The Regional Air Movement Control Center, Al Udeid, Qatar
- The 437th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
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- The 446th Airlift Wing, McChord AFB, Wash.

— Source: U.S. Air Force

Air Force officials also may be awarding the medal to airmen who were working in U.S. or overseas units that are not actually in the places where the humanitarian relief was delivered, but were supporting the OEF operations.

Airmen who think they might qualify for the medal should go to their military personnel flight office and ask for assistance. Useful supporting documents to bring along include temporary duty (TDY) orders; letters, memos or certificates of appreciation; or decorations and citations that verify participation in the humanitarian actions.

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A hand-held scanner will be used to verify IDs at Army installations in Europe and at Air Force bases in Germany.

## Campbell Barracks construction

Construction of a new access control point at Gate 3 on Campbell Barracks in Heidelberg, Germany, will affect traffic and parking at the installation beginning Monday.

The existing access control point will be replaced with a new gate at the same location. The automatic

teller machine near the gate has been relocated to the front of the Mark Twain Village shopette.

During construction, at least half of the parking lot next to the search tent will be closed.

People who work on Campbell Barracks are encouraged to car pool or use public transportation. Construction of the gate is expected to be complete by Dec. 22.

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# Ramstein moves some cars out of long-term lot

BY JESSICA INIGO

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Travelers who did not heed warning signs posted in the long-term parking lot outside of the Ramstein passenger terminal will be in for a surprise when they return home.

More than 20 vehicles were towed from the PAX terminal parking lot to make way for construction work, according to Harmon Chappell, program manager for the Rhein-Main Transition Program at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

But car owners don't need to worry.

They can simply take a shuttle bus to the north side of base to a large parking lot near housing off of California Avenue where the cars were moved.

There are no tow or holding fees associated with the move, according to Capt. Darrell Hahn, the Rhein-Main Transition Program team chief with the 435th Civil Engineering Squadron at Ramstein.

The German contractors working on the site towed the vehicles at no fee to expedite the major construction project for the Kaiserslautern Military Community Center being built.

All travelers will have to park in the alternate parking area until January, when a new 600-car parking garage is finished.

The garage will service the terminal, as well as the US\$150 million Community Center under construction.

The center will include a shopping mall where the base exchange, new restaurants, movie theaters and other services will be consolidated.

Travelers who make it back to Ramstein and find their vehicle missing should ask the information center in the terminal for details on the shuttle service and for a free map of the location.

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Left: Cars sit in the parking lot outside the air terminal at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Officials had to move about 20 cars from a nearby long-term parking lot in the area to make way for construction crews who are working on a new \$150 million Kaiserslautern Military Community Center. Far left: Clearing and preparing the site of the future center is well under way.

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## IN THE STATES

## Kerry to accept nomination

BY DARLENE SUPERVILLER

The Associated Press

BOSTON — John Kerry lays claim to the Democratic presidential nomination Thursday night, his moment to have a conversation with Americans and convince them he can protect them from terrorism and improve their lives better than President Bush.

In a certain raiser, running mate John Edwards praised



Kerry

Kerry as a born leader tested in Vietnam and now ready to protect the country in the age of terrorism.

"He wants to serve you — your cause is his cause," Edwards said Wednesday night as a parade of Democrats tried to focus voters' attention on Kerry's qualifications to be commander in chief.

Edwards was out early Thursday trying to swell the momentum for Kerry's speech. He had breakfast with delegates from Wyoming, Alabama and his home state of North Carolina, thanking them for their chants of support the night before.

The Massachusetts senator watched from his Beacon Hill home as Democrats formally nominated him for the presidency in a boisterous, late-night roll

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call Wednesday. Ohio put him over the top, just as he hopes it will on Nov. 2.

Polls now show a tight race between Kerry and Bush. In a sign of the tough fight to come, the president taped new TV commercials, with his Texas ranch as the backdrop, in preparation for the resumption of a campaign ad war next month. The Democratic Party also is preparing \$6 million in ads for launch this weekend.

Hours after the final gavel at the convention, Kerry will begin hitting every key state on a two-week cross country trip by train, bus and boat.

When Kerry, 60, takes the podium to deliver the closing speech of a unified party convention, he'll aim to tell Americans who he is, what he seeks to do and why he should be president. He is said to be planning to break through to reveal more of himself.

Also speaking is Jim Rasmann, an Army Special Forces lieutenant whose life Kerry saved in Vietnam.

Delegates gathered in the Fleet Center, the convention site, also will see a short biographical film portraying Kerry as a decorated Vietnam War hero and devoted husband and father — not as the wealthy, 20-year Senate veteran with a politician's airs some see him as.

Edwards was expected to be formally nominated as vice president earlier Thursday.

## Congress to act on Sept. 11 findings

BY ALAN FRAM

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress is eager to show voters it's acting on the Sept. 11 commission's call for overhauling intelligence agencies, but turf fights, partisan rivalries and the task's sheer complexity are sure to slow lawmakers' work.

Reflecting the momentum for change sparked last week by the commission's widely acclaimed final report, at least nine committees are planning more than 15 hearings in what is normally a sleepy August on Capitol Hill. The first is Friday, when the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee hears from commission chairman Thomas Kean, a Republican, and his Democratic deputy, Lee Hamilton.

Indeed, with White House and congressional control at stake in November — and 9/11 panel members and relatives of attack victims promising to publicly lobby for change — it would be tough for President Bush and lawmakers to do nothing.

Underscoring the political pressures, Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry has said that commission suggestions for a national intelligence director, an overarching counterterrorism center in the White House should be adopted immediately.

Bush is expected to approve executive orders making some changes in days.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., has called House Democrats to an Aug. 10 meeting with commission members.

House leaders say they want bills ready in September, Senate leaders by Oct. 1. But they could meet stiff resistance from the CIA, Pentagon and other agencies, and lawmakers of both parties who stand to lose power.

Rep. Porter Goss, R-Fla., retiring chairman of the House Intelligence Committee and a candidate to head the CIA, said it's tough to move quickly on such an issue.

The commission recommended creating a Cabinet-level national intelligence director to coordinate the work of the 15 agencies involved and their estimated \$40 billion budget.

It also proposed a national counterterrorism center to foster joint planning by those agencies, and more powerful congressional oversight committees.

## Edwards bids to help build 'one America'

BY TOM RAUM

The Associated Press

BOSTON — John Edwards is pledging that he and presidential running mate John Kerry will work hard to eliminate what he calls "two different Americas," one for the rich and one for everyone else.

"It doesn't have to be that way," Edwards said in his address to the Democratic National Convention. "We must build one America."

Edwards' prime-time speech Wednesday night reprised a popular theme from his unsuccessful presidential bid this year.

The freshman senator from North Carolina, who amassed a personal fortune as a plaintiff's trial lawyer, told delegates that he saw his own life as the embodiment of the American dream — and that all people should have the same opportunities.

In his convention remarks, Edwards recalled his modest upbringing in Carolina textile mill towns. "I have had such incredible opportunities in my life," he said. "I was blessed to be the first person in my family to go to college. I worked my way through, and I had opportunities beyond my wildest dreams."

"And the heart of this campaign — your campaign, our campaign — is to make sure all Americans have exactly the same kind of opportunities that I had no matter where you live, no matter who your family is, no matter what the color of your skin is."

Before Edwards assumed the stage, a collection of retired military generals and admirals appeared Wednesday evening to show their support for Kerry's candidacy.

While some polls show Kerry must work to convince voters he could lead a stronger war on terrorism, the presence of retired top-ranking military officials underscored the opportunities for Kerry.

"I am here as an old soldier and a new Democrat," declared retired Gen. John Shalikashvili, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the Clinton administration who also served as the supreme allied commander in Europe.

His words, similar to those Kerry has used while campaigning, carried the weight of the four stars that once rested on his shoulders.

To an attentive crowd, he de-



The Edwards family, from left, Cate, Jack, Elizabeth, John, and Emma Claire, stand on stage after John Edwards spoke to delegates Wednesday at the Democratic National Convention in Boston.

clared: "I know about the horror of war and thus join with others like John Kerry in believing that we must go to war only when all other efforts to resolve the threat to us have been exhausted."

Democrats made the event a family affair. His parents, Wallace and Bobbie Edwards, were there. He was introduced by his wife, Elizabeth, who in turn was introduced by daughter Cate, 22. Their two younger children — Emma Claire, 6, and Jack, 4, — joined their parents on the podium after the speech.

Edwards, 51, saw his nationally televised speech as an opportunity to introduce himself and Kerry to millions of Americans, many of whom don't know much about either Democrat.

It was mostly upbeat, but while he made no mention of Bush or Vice President Dick Cheney, he did slip in some pointed criticism of the Republican campaign.

"What have we seen? Relentless negative attacks against John," Edwards said of his running mate.

The Chicago Tribune contributed to this report.

## Estimated foot of rain drenches parts of Texas

BY JAY JORDEN

The Associated Press

DALLAS — An estimated foot of rain fell during fierce storms overnight in parts of North Texas, flooding homes and highways and knocking out power to thousands. One man died in a weather-related wreck that toppled power lines onto his vehicle and cut power to homes.

Southern Dallas County was especially hard hit by flooding, with 175 to 200 homes damaged by high water in the suburb of Lancaster.

Some areas of South Dallas County received up to 13 inches of rain, said National Weather Service forecaster Bob Carle.

In Southeast Dallas County, a railroad trestle was washed out by strong waters. The Union Pa-

cific track remained in place, but a 50-foot stretch of track no longer had soil underneath.

Authorities received more than 80 calls for high-water rescues in South Dallas County, said Sgt. Don Peritz, a spokesman for the Dallas County Sheriff's Office. It was unclear how many people were rescued. Parts of Interstates 20, 35 and 45 were closed for a time by high water.

About 5,000 TXU Electric Delivery customers remained without power by mid-morning. An estimated 45,000 were without power at the peak of the storms, said spokeswoman Eliza Anderson.

Wind gusts of 58 mph were measured at Alliance Airport, and trees were uprooted in Lewisville and elsewhere. Flights were delayed at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.



# GOP says Kerry not able to lead during wartime

**BY WILL LESTER**  
*The Associated Press*

**BOSTON** — The Republicans' message this week is a one-note chorus — John F. Kerry and the Democrats aren't up to the job of protecting the country from terrorists.

Polls suggest President Bush is vulnerable in many areas but is more trusted on national security. Democrats are replying with images of Vietnam War hero John Kerry surrounded by fellow veterans and a convention theme of a stronger America under Kerry.

Republicans unveiled an 11-minute video Wednesday that focused on Kerry's evolving positions on Iraq over the last two years in the face of an intense struggle for the nomination and postwar problems in Iraq.

After showing the video to the news media, Republican National Committee Chairman Ed Gillespie said Wednesday: "His

own words completely refute the notion that he is a strong leader. We may end up updating this Thursday night after the senator tries to explain his position on Iraq again."

Democrats responded immediately and forcefully, showing up outside the GOP war room armed with their own video about Bush.

They said Kerry's position on Iraq is not as simple as the Republicans would have voters think.

Inside the GOP war room, other high-profile officials pummeled Kerry as unfit to lead in wartime.

Former New York City Police Commissioner Bernard Kerik defended Bush's decision to go to war in Afghanistan and then Iraq after the attacks on America by al-Qaida.

The Kerry campaign repeatedly has highlighted the senator's service in Vietnam and the medals he won for valiant service as a sign of his strength in times of war.



**Invited French envoys have quietly joined the crowds at the Democratic Convention in Boston.**

# French envoys trying to keep their DNC attendance quiet

**BY JAMEY KEATEN**  
*The Associated Press*

PARIS — Shhhh! Don't tell anyone, but some French politicians are attending the Democratic National Convention — and are determined to keep a low profile.

These days, with France a four-letter word for many Americans after its vocal opposition to the Iraq war, the French connections of Democratic presidential hopeful John Kerry aren't a plus. French invitees to the convention in Boston, as observers, insisted Wednesday that they wanted to stay in the shadows and were eager to avoid undue attention.

Pierre Moscovici, a former government minister who heads the French Socialist delegation, expressed strong backing for Kerry but said he did not want to be a distraction.

Others hold their tongues less, and insist the November elections are pivotal not just for America, but the world.

Socialist lawmaker Julien Dray, quoted Tuesday in daily *Le Parisien*, said the contest amounts to a "world election" that could end "the terrible ordeal that President Bush's term has been."

If the French were to vote, Kerry would be a shoo-in: Polls

consistently show that he would reap about 80 percent if the contest were held here.

French envoys from across the political spectrum, like many other international delegations, were officially invited to Boston to observe how the U.S. political system works.

But polls show France is awash with fervent support for the Democratic ticket — and some French politicians hide it better than others.

The French are not alone. Bush's policies on the environment, Iraq war and U.S. detention center at Guantanamo Bay — among others — have angered many around the world.

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## IN THE WORLD

# Debate continues over Arab anti-terror force

BY GEORGE GEDDA  
The Associated Press

JIDDAH, Saudi Arabia — Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi urged Islamic countries Tuesday to "stand as one group" against terrorists and voiced support for formation of Saudi-led Muslim force to help stabilize his country.

In London, an Arab League official said any such force would be acceptable if ordered by the U.N. Security Council and linked to a specific timetable for withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq.

Responding in Washington, State Department spokesman Adam Ereli said the U.N. Security Council already has provided a mandate for foreign troops in Iraq and that it was "kind of far-fetched" to expect Iraq to tell U.S. forces to pull out.

Allawi told a news conference here that the region's leaders should unify and "stand as one group" against "those gangs, those terrorists and those criminals" who he said are threatening the Arab world.

But while Arab governments and other Muslim countries say they want to help restore calm in Iraq — and have an interest in ensuring violence there does not destabilize the region — they must move carefully to avoid angering their citizens, many of

whom are hostile toward the United States and Iraq's U.S.-backed government.

In fact, a militant group posted an Internet warning that threatens attacks against any Islamic or Arab nation that contributes troops to a Saudi-proposed Muslim force for Iraq. "Our swords will be drawn in the face of anyone who cooperates with the Jews and the Christians," the group said in the statement. The statement was signed in the name of the Jamaat al-Tawhid al-Islamiya — Omar el-Mukhtar Brigade, a little known group whose main title means the Group of Islamic Monotheism.

Allawi said that if the 15-month old insurgency in Iraq prevails, countries such as Saudi Arabia, Syria and Lebanon would not be safe. Allawi spoke a day after a militia attack 35 miles outside of Baghdad killed dozens in the deadliest attack since he took office a month ago from a U.S. governing authority.

With Secretary of State Colin Powell standing at his side, Allawi voiced support for a Saudi initiative under which Muslim countries would contribute to the creation of a new force that would help bring stability

to Iraq.

Under the Saudi proposal, Arab and Muslim countries that do not border on Iraq would be invited to contribute. It excludes involvement by its immediate neighbors in the country's security could ultimately lead to political conflicts with them.

Powell welcomed the Saudi initiative and said the time may be ripe for a more active role by Arab and Muslim countries based on the handover of sovereignty to Ali alawi, along with the approval of a U.N. Security Council resolution that gives legitimacy to his interim government.

"They now have a sovereign government that is up and running," Powell said. "Based on that, there will be more intensive discussions on the basis of the Saudi initiative to see if more countries are willing to provide support."

Later, Powell flew to Kuwait, where he told reporters that the Saudis are trying to shape their proposal in a way that garners maximum support from Arab and Muslim populations. Consistent with the goal, he said Allawi has sent letters to leaders from these countries inviting them to dispatch forces to Iraq.

Among the unanswered questions, Pow-

ell said, was whether a Muslim security force would complement the existing U.S.-led coalition or would be a one-for-one substitution.

In London, Arab League envoy Ali Hamid said that "a solution with the help of the international community is a good idea provided that the Americans declare they are going to withdraw and not involve NATO in Iraq affairs."

NATO diplomats have been meeting in Belgium to discuss whether and how the alliance should be involved in training missions in Iraq.

No Arab country is now a coalition participant and the numbers of Muslims in the coalition is believed to be scant. Politically, it would be far easier Muslim countries to commit themselves as a group rather than individually.

Some of the countries mentioned as possible participants in a security force — Malaysia, Algeria, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Pakistan and Morocco — are from far outside the region. Pakistan is among the many countries that Iraqi officials have contacted in recent weeks.

## Forest fires spread from Portugal to Spain

BY JOANA MATEUS  
The Associated Press

LISBON, Portugal — Firefighters were struggling to control raging forest fires in Portugal on Thursday, while blazes across the border in southern Spain were some of the worst seen in a decade.

At least 34,594 acres have burned to a crisp in parts of the southern region of Andalusia since fires broke out there two days ago.

"It has been the largest fire for the last 10 years in Andalusia," said Ana Fernandez from Plan Infor, the region's task force against forest fires.

In Portugal, fires started Sunday in numbers and intensity that recalled last summer when five percent of the country was smoking before rains arrived in late August.

In the Algarve tourist and beach region along the Atlantic Ocean west of the Gibraltar strait, several blazes joined to form a wall of flames about 44 miles wide.



A lone man tries to fight a forest fire early morning in Boticas, Vila Real, northern Portugal, on Wednesday.

Hundreds of firefighters from both countries round-the-clock to control the blazes, battled from the sky, too, by planes dropping tons of water and fire suppressants.

Thousands of acres of eucalyptus and cork tree forests and several houses were destroyed in Portugal, and several hundred

people evacuated from their homes.

More than 81,500 acres of forest and agricultural land has been lost to fires between January and July, the government said in a statement.

Last year, fires in Portugal destroyed 1 million acres, killed 18 people and damaged 2,500 buildings.

## Uzbek extremist group detailed

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan — The extremist Islamic group behind a wave of violence here that left at least 47 people dead was organized in small cells, with rank-and-file members kept in the dark about the total number of adherents to its hardline ideology, a suspect said Thursday.

Hikmat Eshmatov, 28, said each cell consisted of five to six people who were sworn to each other only by nicknames, substituting common Uzbek names for their own. Only the cell leader knew other cells, Eshmatov testified at the Supreme Court trial of the first 15 suspects in the March-April attacks.

"We didn't know how many people we had," Eshmatov said.

All suspects have pleaded guilty and are testifying about their involvement with the new extremist group called Jamoat, or "society" in Uzbek, which appears to be a splinter offshoot from the al-Qaida-allied Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan.

The violence included Central Asia's first-ever suicide bombings along with explosions and assaults on police,

and Uzbek authorities say 33 militants, 10 police and four bystanders died.

## Swedish prison escape

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — While Swedish police on Thursday chased one of four men who escaped from a maximum-security prison the day before, politicians and pundits questioned how the well-planned escape masterminded by a convicted police killer could have happened. Tony Olsson, a 31-year-old Swede who was convicted in 1999 for killing two policemen after a bank robbery, was believed to have masterminded the audacious breakout, which made front-page news in low-crime Sweden.

## Paris hospital overload

PARIS — Up to 30 percent of hospital beds may be unavailable for patients during France's traditional holiday time despite painful lessons learned from last summer's deadly heat wave, a prominent emergency physician said Thursday.

Nearly 15,000 people died during the 2003 heat wave,

## Arab militants chain up, burn refugees in Sudan

The Associated Press

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia — Arab militants chained civilians together and set them on fire in Sudan's western Darfur region, where tens of thousands have been killed in a 17-month conflict, according to a report by an African Union monitoring team.

The immolation came during a July 3 attack on the village of Suleia by the pro-government militias known as the Janjaweed, the monitoring team said in its report.

It did not say how many people were killed.

The report, which was not signed but was written on African Union letterhead, also said the village of Ehada "had been burnt and deserted except for a few men." [It was] an unwarranted and unprovoked attack on the civilian population by the Janjaweed."

African Union officials were not immediately available for comment on the report.

The African Union monitors are supposed to be observing a cease-fire signed in April between the government and the region's two black rebel groups. But fighting has continued in Darfur, where militias drawn mostly from nomadic Arab tribes have launched a brutal campaign to drive out black farmers.

The United Nations estimates up to 30,000 people have been killed in Darfur, more than a million driven from their homes, and some 2.2 million left in urgent need of food and other aid. The U.S. Congress has labeled the atrocities genocide.

The conflict stems from long-standing tensions between nomadic Arab tribes and their African neighbors over dwindling water and farmland.

partly because the weeks-long hot spell struck in August when many French go on vacation. Hospitals, operating with reduced staffs, were overwhelmed.

"There are as many hospital beds closed as last year," said Patrick Pelloux, the head of an association of emergency room doctors.

## U.S. climber killed in Switzerland

ZERMATT, Switzerland — An American climber was killed in a fall on Switzerland's famed Matterhorn mountain, police said Thursday.

The victim was identified as Mark Reisch, 47, of Michigan, police spokesman Markus Rieder said.

Rieder said the initial police investigation indicated that the accident occurred Monday morning as Reisch and another American were working their way down the mountain.

A police statement said the men were descending by rope when Reisch, who was lower down, fell for undetermined reasons.

Bad weather forced rescuers to call off their initial search, police said. Reisch's body was recovered Tuesday when the search resumed.

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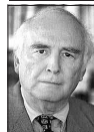


## OPINION

## Tension evident even as Dems harmonize

From where the old-timers sit — make that the geezers who view this from the perspective of ancient political history — this may be the most exceptional Democratic National Convention in memory, not only in its utter lack of relevance in choosing a presidential candidate, but in the absence of dissension among delegates and special interests. One can cut the harmony with a knife.

Dan Thomasson



Even the protesters who are kept a safe distance from the FleetCenter seem anxious in comparison to past affairs when anti-war and civil-rights activists flocked to Chicago and New York and Miami to make themselves heard over the hoopla of the party's official machinery. Those opposing the Iraq invasion shouted their disapproval at John Kerry not because he has taken a positive stance for it, but because he has not spoken out firmly against it.

Inside the house built to accommodate this city's beloved basketball Celtics, the enthusiasm rivals even that of the fans in the salad days of Bill Russell and Larry Bird. Only the banners have been changed from their usual green to red-white-and-blue blunting of a different sort of patriotism. Missing are the disparate groups that in the past have given the party's gathering more the look of a mental institution than a nominating convention.

But it was on the podium where the love and peace — almost an oxymoron

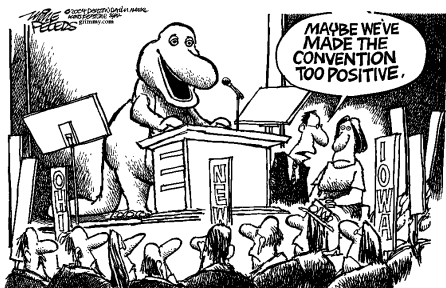
when it comes to Democrats — prevailed at the highest level.

From Jimmy Carter — everyone's favorite ex-president — to Bill Clinton, newly slim and fit and as charismatic as ever and introduced by Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, the theme was the same: Just stick together with Kerry and his running mate, John Edwards, and the White House will once again be yours.

The message has been greeted repeatedly by thunderous demonstrations of exaltation from the delegates, who have no real official duty other than to endorse a ticket already chosen by the primary system. Only 2000's loser, then-Vice President Al Gore, sounded out of synch, whining repeatedly about his own misfortune. His early position on the opening night certified his stature in the party.

Yet in all of this there seemed to be some of the little boy whistling for courage in the dark. While political loud-mouths such as James Carville were calling the incumbent president "toast," and the atmosphere was one of "it's all over but the shouting," the latest polls show George W. Bush's numbers improving somewhat. More importantly, Kerry still hasn't benefited much from Bush's low ratings, indicating that the vast majority of voters still aren't yet in the November mode.

The party's poll watchers realize that, for all their bravado, the election still is Bush's to win or lose, and that when the undecideds who will make the difference finally conclude whether to give him another four years, those who answer that question negatively will focus on the alternative. It will be up to Kerry to make certain that his campaign until that time doesn't produce any major faux pas, if



that is possible.

In that vein, there clearly will be a concerted effort to control the natural inclinations of Kerry's wife, Teresa Heinz Kerry, a task that may be beyond the senator's aides or anyone else. Heinz Kerry has a reputation for outspokenness that was manifested in her telling a newspaper questioner to "shove it" when he asked her to explain a word she had used. The Boston Herald dredged up a quote from a 1975 book in which she reportedly described Kerry's main ally, Sen. Edward Kennedy, as a bastard and also disparaged the Democratic Party generally. Of course, she was married to a conservative Republican in those days.

If the past has any relevance at all in this affair, Kerry should receive a healthy

bunch in the polls coming out of the euphoria of the convention despite the lack of prime-time coverage by the major broadcast networks. The trick will be to sustain it through what normally is a dark period between the end of this pep rally and the Republican one late next month. That increase could be sustained by a large expenditure on national advertising. Although the ticket got less of a boost from the naming of Edwards than expected (only about 4 percent), Kerry's managers are hoping to vastly improve on that with his prime-time acceptance speech.

Meanwhile, the love and kisses will continue at least on the surface, sustained by a party base that appears to despise Bush more than even Richard Nixon.

Dan Thomasson is former editor of the Scripps Howard News Service.

## Bryant case shows rape shield laws have issues

By PAUL CAMPOS

The latest developments in the Kobe Bryant case raise some hard questions about rape shield laws. It would have been a travesty if Judge Terry Ruckelshaus had refused to admit credible evidence that Bryant's accuser had consensual sex with two other men within 48 hours of her encounter with Bryant, especially given the defense claim that one of these encounters took place in the 15 hours between the alleged assault and her subsequent medical examination.

Colorado's rape shield statute limited Bryant's defense to arguing that this evidence should be admissible because it provides a plausible alternative explanation for any physical injury to the accuser, i.e., that such injury was a product of these consensual sexual encounters taking place over a short time, rather than of a sexual assault.

The real defense argument, of course, is that the accuser is sexually promiscuous, and often engages in the behavior the defense claims took place.

The standard justification for rape shield laws is that defense attorneys shouldn't be allowed to put the accuser's sex life on trial.

Here's a question we ought to begin asking: Why not? Why shouldn't a trial about sex include relevant evidence about sex? There are basically three answers to that question. The good one goes like this: If the defense is allowed to introduce the accuser's sexual history, then there's a serious risk that a jury may refuse to convict a defendant that the jury believes is guilty, if the accuser happens to be promiscuous, because juries may punish sexually promiscuous accusers by not protecting them against rape.

This is — or at least was — a good argument, because there's little doubt this sort of "jury nullification" was common in the days before rape shield laws. The question we should be asking today is, given the gradual shift in social attitudes toward casual sex, is the risk of this sort of jury misconduct still sufficiently strong to justify keeping potentially compelling evidence out of court?

The bad arguments for rape shield statutes are that the accuser's sexual history is not relevant to whether she consented to sex in the context of an alleged assault, and that allowing past sexual conduct into evidence will keep victims from coming forward, because of their fear of public embarrassment.

Nothing illustrates the ideological distortion that surrounds rape law better than the former argument. It is, in a word, preposterous.

Consider the Bryant case, which appears to be a classic "he said, she said" scenario. The defense claim is that Bryant and the accuser engaged in casual, consensual sex — a claim considering Bryant's celebrity, as well as the lifestyles of various NBA stars and the women who cater to those lifestyles, seems plausible on its face.

Given this, what could possibly be more relevant to Bryant's defense than whether this accuser has a history of engaging in casual sexual encounters? Imagine if Bryant's accuser had been a virgin, but a statute prohib-

ited the prosecution from pointing this out to the jury. That, in reverse, is the position rape shield laws put defendants in when they bar the defense from introducing evidence regarding accusers' sexual histories.

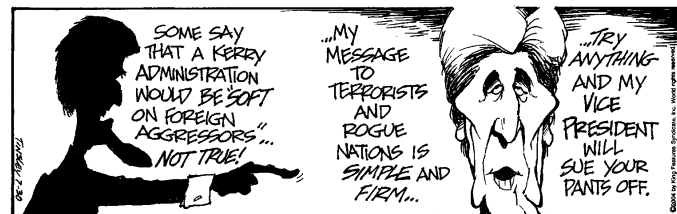
As for the argument that allowing past sexual conduct into evidence will keep accusers from coming forward, it's an odd scale that treats an accuser's potential embarrassment as a more weighty concern than the risk of sending an innocent man to prison for the rest of his life.

There's no question that, a generation ago, rape law was in need of fundamental reform. Today, the question is whether that reform itself needs reforming.

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## Mallard Fillmore

By BRUCE TINSLEY



## YOUR MONEY

## VA: Active reservists can get home loans in just 90 days

By SANDRA JONTZ  
Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Department of Veterans Affairs wants activated reservists to know that due to their activation, they need only three months' service, and not six years, to qualify for the VA's home-loan benefit.

Since 1992, the VA has offered its no-down payment home-loan program to Reserve and Guard members, eligible to apply after they had served six years. But if they are called to active duty, the service time is cut to 90 days, said Keith Pedigo, director of the VA Loan Guaranty Service.

"The requirement for those who are not on active duty is that they must serve six years in the active selective Reserve or Guard. After six years of people doing their summer camps [training and weekend duties], they earn enough points to qualify. For those Reservists and National Guard members who are called to active duty, they are not on active duty, we qualify as regular-active servicemembers."

As of Wednesday, the total National Guard and Reserve members on active duty was 150,714. The total number on active duty for the Army National Guard and Army Reserve is 123,695, Naval

Reserve, 2,904; Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, 11,472; Marine Corps Reserve, 11,097; and the Coast Guard Reserve, 1,546.

Troops who logged fewer than 90 days of activated service but who were discharged because of a service-connected disability still are eligible to apply, he said.

"The reason most veterans go to this route is because it affords them the opportunity to buy a home without having to make a down payment," Pedigo said.

Each year, about 15 percent of the VA's loans are guaranteed to active-duty personnel, and about 4 percent are guaranteed for Guard and Reserve members who qualify after their six years of service. The remainder goes to veterans.

In the past three years, the department guaranteed 1.1 million loans for a total of \$134 billion. Last year, the VA guaranteed 490,000 loans totaling \$64 billion, Pedigo said.

This year, however, they predict a slowdown, to about \$50,000 loans.

"We're projecting it will be down from last because the refinancing boom has quieted down."

About 67 percent of the VA loans guaranteed last year were due to members refinancing at

lower interest rates. The average interest rate reduction was 1.5 percent, and a benefit to refinancing through the VA is that members don't have to pay out-of-pocket expenses such as appraisal or broker fees.

The VA's foreclosure rate last year was 6.8 percent, higher than the 3 percent of the conventional loan market, but lower than 8.20 percent the federal Housing and Urban Development's FHA program of about 10 percent.

"By virtue of the fact that there is no down payment required, the foreclosure rate tends to be higher than the conventional loan market," Pedigo said. "It's the riskier part of the business. Making no down payment means you don't have the instant equity in the property and you're generally in a riskier position."

The VA has several programs to help keep homeowners from losing their homes, including nine regional loan centers in the United States that offer financial counseling and payment consolidation efforts.

The VA program is available only for home sales within the 50 U.S. states and the territories of Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands and Guam.

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## Car will tell you when it's hurting

**Dear Tom and Ray:**  
I am writing to you on behalf of "Bookie," my low-mileage 1988 Acura Integra. Although she has spent all of her life in the happy confusion of Southern California, Bookie has less than 40,000 miles on her and, to her credit, remains in excellent health.

Although I religiously pamper her with regular oil changes, fluid checks and other necessities, Bookie is rapidly approaching midlife, and there are a number of crises beyond mere tires and windshield wipers — that I feel should be anticipated lest they impinge unfavorably on her reliability, my pocketbook and our relationship (the reason I'm nervous has to do with Sheila, my Chevrolet Beretta, and her treachery, but that's another sad story). Here are my questions: When should I replace Bookie's computer? When should I replace her timing belt? And dare I risk her general health by pulling a trailer with the contents of a one-bedroom apartment from Maine to California? — William

## Click and Clack

Tom and Ray Magliozzi

change the timing belt now. You don't want it to break while you're driving.  
TOM: Finally, if you love this car as much as you say you do, I wouldn't tow a trailer full of furniture across the country. This Integra is a little, four-cylinder car, and the Rocky Mountains, and even if it's not, you'll shorten the life of the engine due to all the extra wear and tear.

RAY: But if you decide to ignore our advice and do it anyway, then in addition to a clutch and a set of rings, be sure to bring along an extra computer. — No, not the car's computer — a laptop. Then at least you'll be able to log on the Internet and shop for a new car from wherever you happen to break down, William. Good luck.

RAY: Your first problem is that you've got way too intimate a relationship with your car. That indicates to us that you need to develop a much more active social life. So, with your permission, we'll forward your letter on to Dr. Ruth after we've answered your car questions.

TOM: I would not replace the computer until one of two things happens: Either you run

out of room on your hard drive (Bookie's a little computer joke, William), or the computer stops working. A computer for this car costs about \$600, just for the part! And it might never need to be replaced. So if I were you, I'd just leave it alone and keep driving.

RAY: The timing belt normally needs to be changed at 60,000 miles. So, theoretically, you can leave that alone for another 20,000 miles. But given the age of the car (and therefore the belt), I'd go ahead and change the timing belt now. You don't want it to break while you're driving.

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## WEDNESDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES				
52-week High	Low	Net Chg	% Chg	52-week High
1,991.11	1,991.11	11.01	+0.55	2,000
1,212.45	1,212.45	10.05	+0.83	1,220
285.01	285.01	2.25	+0.78	290
6,788.12	6,788.12	54.97	+0.81	6,800
1,278.81	1,278.81	9.93	+0.77	1,290
2,153.92	2,153.92	146.88	+6.82	2,160
1,983.23	1,983.23	96.84	+4.87	1,990
471.51	471.51	54.01	+11.67	480
1,166.42	1,166.42	44.97	+3.87	1,180
11,371.4	11,371.4	255.56	+2.26	11,400

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Accent	47,951	3.67	+0.31		Nasdaq100	152,502	34.38	+15		Intel	77,802	23.46	+19	
NorthernIr	42,554	3.58	+0.08		Microsoft	125,630	118.10	+13		Microsoft	62,822	25.88	+14	
Motorola	24,415	16.19	+1.17		Verizon	42,554	3.58	+0.08		Verizon	42,554	3.58	+0.08	
Alcatel	22,656	31.49	+2.42		Motorola	24,415	16.19	+1.17		Motorola	24,415	16.19	+1.17	
TimeWarner	16,463	14.65	+0.28		SHSloan	500.18	108.12	+0.9		Alcatel	22,656	31.49	+2.42	
Microsoft	14,852	31.82	+0.49		DRS2000	901.18	18.38	+0.43		SumCom	49,782	3.65	+0.38	
Norfolk	10,307	11.41	+0.20		SHSloan	500.18	108.12	+0.9		Carroll	73.63	18.83	+0.87	
United	9,844	1.67	+0.03		SHSloan	500.18	108.12	+0.9		JDS Uniphase	35,661	3.80	+0.03	
USX	13,325	5.36	+0.10		RetainIR	88.73	2.51	+0.08		USX	13,325	5.36	+0.10	
Lincoln	14,952	36.79	+2.91		RetainIR	88.73	2.51	+0.08		USStream	16,782	17.85	+0.40	

Key Defense Stocks					Key Mutual Funds				
Name	Div	Pct	Last	YTD Chg %	Name	NAV	Chg	YTD %	
Boeing	—	15	62.58	+1.83	Accel	35.34	+0.66	+1.91	
Boeing Holdings	—	12	45.25	+0.75	Verizon	42.55	+0.08	+0.19	
Alliant	—	27	45.84	+0.76	Motorola	24.42	+1.17	+4.80	
Boeing Sciences	—	10	45.84	+0.76	Amer Century Inv: Ultra	26.30	+0.18	+0.69	
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Military rates		
British pound	\$1	\$1.247
Japanese yen (July 31)	100	0.746
S. Korean won (July 30)	100	0.746
Commercial rates		
Bahrain (Dinar)	1	0.3770
British pound	\$1	0.8121
Canadian dollar	\$1	0.7135
Denmark (krone)	1	0.1365
Swiss franc	1	0.7563
Euro	\$1	0.7563
Hong Kong (dollar)	1	0.7563
Hungary (forint)	100	0.0205
Israeli shekel	1	0.2537
Japan (yen)	100	0.0074
Kuwait (dinar)	1	0.2549
Malaysia (ringgit)	1	0.6969
Philippines (peso)	1	0.5836
Saudi Arabia (riyal)	1	0.2666
Singapore (dollar)	1	0.7183
S. Korea (won)	100	0.7183
Switzerland (franc)	1	0.6554
Thailand (baht)	1	0.0254
Turkey (lira)	1	0.0002

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## Cents and Sensibility

Money tip of the day

## Are ETFs for you?

Investors increasingly are adding ETFs to their asset allocations as a replacement for mutual funds and as part of their 401(k) and other retirement savings plans.

John Demming, a spokesman for The Vanguard Group, says ETFs are a good choice for investors who want easy liquidity to meet short-term goals.

They're also good for large transactions (cutting down on brokerage commissions) and for investors who want low expense ratios for a long-term buy-and-hold strategy.

ETFs aren't for you if you plan to make small investments or trade often.

NEW YORK — Although they've been around for years, exchange-traded funds are catching on as an investment replacement for index mutual funds.

So-called ETFs lack index mutual funds but trade like stocks.

They're baskets of stocks and bonds that are bought and sold as a single investment.

Like stocks, their prices change constantly, and they can be traded throughout the day. But you can buy ETFs only through a broker, for a small commission, and unlike with funds, short-selling is permitted with ETFs.

Prime rate 4.25  
Discount rate 2.25  
Federal funds market rate 1.25  
3-month bill 1.425  
3-month T-bill 1.425  
Source: The Associated Press, Bank of America, Bloomberg.com

PRECIOUS METALS

London Gold \$382.30  
Silver \$6.30

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## EUROPEAN FORECAST

**Benelex:** Partly cloudy. Highs will be in the upper 70s and lows will be in the mid to upper 50s.

**Britain, Ireland:** Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated rain showers in the morning. Highs will be in the upper 70s and lows will be in the mid to upper 50s.

**Croatia and Bosnia:** Mostly cloudy with rain showers and isolated thunderstorms. Highs will be in the lower 60s and lows will be in the upper 50s.

**France:** Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs will be in the mid-80s and lows will be in the mid to upper 60s.

**Northern Germany:** Partly cloudy. Highs will be in the mid-80s to lower 90s and lows will be in the mid-50s.

**Southern Germany:** Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs will be in the mid-70s to lower 80s and lows will be in the mid to lower 50s.

**Hungary:** Cloudy with rain showers. Highs will be in the lower 70s and lows will be in the upper 50s.

**Northern Italy:** Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Highs will be in the mid-80s and lows will be in the upper 60s.

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**Kosovo:** Mostly cloudy. Highs will be in the mid-60s to lower 70s and lows will be in the upper 50s to lower 60s.

**Norway:** Partly cloudy with isolated rain showers. Highs will be in the 70s and lows will be in the mid-50s.

**Portugal, Spain:** Partly cloudy. On the coast, Highs will be in the mid-80s and inland they will be in the upper 90s and lows will be in the mid-60s to lower 70s.

**Turkey:** Partly cloudy. Highs will be in the lower 80s to lower 90s and lows will be in the mid-60s to mid-70s.

For current weather watches, warnings, and 5-day forecasts go to the USAF Operational Weather Squadron home page at: <https://www.sembach.af.mil>  
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## SUN & MOON

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise (London)	0512	0514
Sunrise (Frankfurt)	0551	0552
Sunset (London)	2055	2054
Sunset (Frankfurt)	2111	2113

Full moon 0701, Last day 0807, New moon 0819, First day 0823

## AFRICA

Capetown	74	80	Mogadishu	91	74	10
Dakar	78	63	Nairobi	76	57	37
Freeport	89	71	Rabat	69	68	50
Khartoum	89	72	Tripoli	66	60	40

## THE WORLD

Amsterdam	77	59	Manila	88	77	60
Bahamas	89	85	Mexico City	71	66	77
Beijing	81	68	Montreal	87	66	77
Buenos Aires	87	74	Riyadh	91	75	57
Buenos Aires	86	77	Rio de Janeiro	81	62	55
Calcutta	79	54	Sao Paulo	70	53	63
Caracas	79	54	Sydney	62	44	74
Hankou	86	69	Tokyo	83	66	74
Hong Kong	83	65				

## TODAY'S STATESIDE OUTLOOK

Alaska, Tex.	HI	LO	OK	Cleveland	83	67	City	Hanford	87	68	City	New York City	85	73	City	San Francisco	71	58	City
Alaska, Tex.	HI	LO	OK	Columbia, S.C.	83	67	City	Houston	90	77	City	Norfolk, Va.	88	71	City	San Jose, Calif.	79	66	City
Alaska, Tex.	HI	LO	OK	Columbus, Ohio	81	73	City	Indianapolis	87	70	City	Oakland, Calif.	88	75	City	Seattle, Wash.	78	65	City
Alaska, Tex.	HI	LO	OK	Corpus Christi	83	67	City	Jacksonville	87	70	City	Oakland, Calif.	88	75	City	Seattle, Wash.	78	65	City
Alaska, Tex.	HI	LO	OK	Dallas-Ft. Worth	81	74	City	Jacksonville	87	70	City	Oakland, Calif.	88	75	City	Seattle, Wash.	78	65	City
Alaska, Tex.	HI	LO	OK	Dayton	83	67	City	Jacksonville	87	70	City	Oakland, Calif.	88	75	City	Seattle, Wash.	78	65	City
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## Mayor saves the day

**OH** HOWLAND — Warren Mayor Michael O'Brien went to shop for vitamins and ended up catching a suspected thief.

O'Brien was shopping at a drugstore Monday in this neighboring northeast Ohio community when he heard an assistant manager yell, "Stop!"

A man had left the Rite Aid store with what police later said was \$740 in merchandise.

O'Brien happened to be driving a detective cruiser while his city car was in the shop. He followed the man, turned on the lights and siren, pulled over a 1988 Pontiac and called for backup.

The mayor said his citizen's arrest went smoothly.

"I told the men to get out of the car and don't move and they listened to what I said," O'Brien said. "When they turned around, I said don't move and they didn't."

Howland police Sgt. Jeff Urso said officers arrested Ivan Sparks, of Warren, on a felony charge of theft and the driver of the car, Marquis Reynolds, also of Warren, on an outstanding warrant.

Rite Aid assistant manager Linda Stewart told police that a man fitting Sparks' description tried to leave the store with a basket of merchandise that included cigarettes and cologne.

"I dove for the basket because I wanted my merchandise back," she said. "The mayor ran to his car, the lights went on and he pulled him over just like on 'Dragnet.'"

## Head for schools sought

**DC** WASHINGTON — Four finalists were selected in the search for a new leader of the city's public schools. They include the state superintendent in Illinois; the superintendent in Toledo, Ohio; the former superintendent in Rochester, N.Y.; and the superintendent in Pittsburgh. The school system continues to have low test scores and declining enrollment.

## Bounty on officers

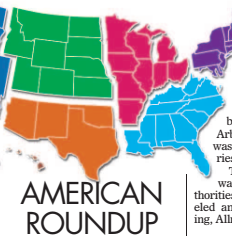
**CO** DENVER — An unknown group distributed fliers offering a bounty of at least \$5,000 to anyone who kills police officers, apparently in response to two recent fatal police shootings. The fliers include photos of Lt. Frank Lopez, a 63-year-old invalid killed by police July 11, and Paul Childs, a 15-year-old developmentally disabled teen shot last summer. The department's intelligence unit is investigating the threat.

## No more silly-string

**CA** LOS ANGELES — Hollywood residents and business people tired of being in the silly-string crossfire every Halloween have asked the city to ban the colorful streams of compressed foam.

Councilman Tom LaBonge, whose district includes part of Hollywood, initially sought a complete ban but later opted to focus on Halloween, when residents complain the streets get jammed with silly-string slingers.

LaBonge said the non-biodegradable foam can fall into storm



drains and harm marine life, and also can endanger police, particularly those on horseback.

On Friday, without debate, a Los Angeles City Council committee asked the city attorney's office to prepare an ordinance that eventually will be put to a vote before the council.

Several other communities, including Santa Clarita and New Orleans, have restrictions against the use of silly string.

## Chief will retire

**AL** MONTGOMERY — Police Chief John Wilson announced he will retire, partly because of a former officer's allegation that he caught the chief drinking drunk. Wilson, 50, said he will retire effective Nov. 1 but plans to take administrative leave immediately. Wilson said he had planned to retire early next year but would do so now to fight the "unfounded misdemeanor case."

## Boat explodes, kills one

**MI** HOLLAND TOWNSHIP — A boat exploded, burst into flames and sank Saturday on a western Michigan lake, killing one of the two men aboard.

The explosion on the 1959 twin-engine wooden boat knocked the men unconscious, authorities said.

When the boat's owner, John M. Huegli, awoke, he tried but failed



## Shadow jumping

Tom Landess, of Virginia Beach, Va., casts a long shadow as he performs a trick Tuesday at the Ames Skatpark in Ames, Iowa. Landess is in Iowa visiting relatives in Ankeny, Iowa.

to rouse Peter C. Murray and abandoned the boat as it was consumed by flames on Lake Macatawa, Ottawa County Sheriff's Sgt. Kevin Allman told The Holland Sentinel.

Divers recovered the body of Murray, 32, of Ann Arbor. Huegli, 59, of Dexter, was hospitalized for minor injuries and released.

The cause of the explosion was unknown. Huegli told authorities that the boat had been fueled and vented Saturday morning, Allman said.

## Teens jump to record

**MA** BREWSTER — Five teens from here have hopped, skipped and jumped their way into the record books.

They took first place in a jump rope competition in Brisbane, Australia, where more than 600 athletes from 15 countries gathered for the World Rope Skipping Championships.

The four skippers and an alternate — Sara Douglass, Jessica Anderson, Kelsey Gilmore, all 18, and Danielle "Dee" Orman and Sarah Capparelli, both 17, won first place in one of eight competitions. Their 70-second routine included 30 different tricks, combining gymnastics with nonstop jump rope.

The teens are part of the Brewster Bayside Skippers, a program started a decade ago by Stony Brook Elementary School gym teacher Paul Mullin.

Mullin said that when he started the jump-rope program, parents and children didn't foresee how big—and successful—it would become. There are about 80 youngsters in the program today.

"It feels pretty good," said Orman. "To know we have the best routine in the world is really satisfying, knowing those years of hard work have paid off."

Upon hearing the news, the parents of the Brewster champions recalled 10 years of raising money, carpooling, judging competitions and shepherding their children to competitions.

"I screamed," said Sara's mother Jane Douglass, on her reaction to the news.

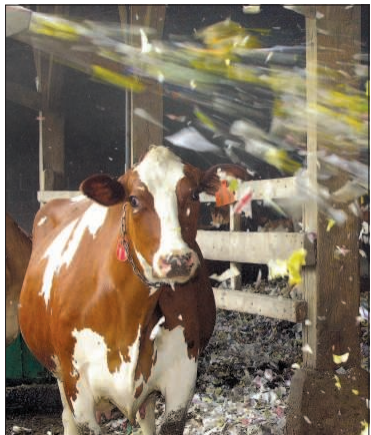
## Cops face suspension

**FL** ST. PETERSBURG — Two Florida Highway Patrol troopers face a three-day suspension for failing to aggressively pursue a drunken driving case against an off-duty deputy last October.

Troopers Rodney Espinola and Daniel Cole said there were two men in the swerving Corvette driven by Pinellas County deputy Edmond Randall and they couldn't tell who was driving. Cole and Espinola asked to contest the proposed sanction.

## Restrictions hurt clinic

**MN** ROCHESTER — Cash registers are ringing less in Rochester now that people from the Middle East have largely stopped coming to the city for medical services at the Mayo Clinic. Travel restrictions since the Sept. 11 attacks have made it difficult for the visitors to enter the United States. They were known for extravagant spending on hotel suites, limousines and shopping.



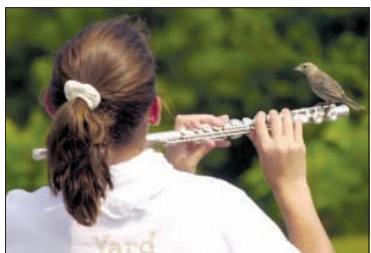
## Can't believe her eyes

A red and white holstein cow watches phone books being shredded for bedding Monday at Lowell Peckman's farm in St. Thomas, Pa. More than 16,000 pounds of used phone books have been collected since July 1 as part of a Franklin County, Pa., recycling program.



## Angling for a spot

A fish jumps over an oar as members of the women's Halifax Rowing Team return to the dock after competing in the Master 8 event at the Halifax Regatta last weekend in Daytona Beach, Fla.



## Making music together

A small bird lands on the flute of Woodstock High School marching band member Stephanie Nutt, 14, during practice Thursday in Woodstock, Ga. The bird hovered over the band looking for a place to land before flying on the flute and enjoying the music for about 5 seconds before lighting off. The band was practicing for the upcoming school year that begins in 2 weeks.



**Fish fright** Ricky Boswell, 11, reacts to a fish at the Gulf of Mexico exhibit at the McWane Center on Tuesday in Birmingham, Ala. Boswell was on a field trip with Camp Fire West with their summer reading program as a treat for reading five books this summer and completing a book report for each book.



**Putting on the pressure** Doug Faber, a U.S. Department of Agriculture technician, uses a pressure washer and hot water to clean a combine on Tuesday at Joseph Tucherlo Farms near Lakeville, N.Y. The cleaning is part of routine work to prevent the spread of Golden Nematode in potatoes as farmers rotate crops or work near potato fields.



**Heartfelt salute** Charles Hurtle, a Purple Heart veteran, salutes during the Presentation of Colors at a salute to Those Who Have Served & Sacrificed at Bunker Hill Monument on Tuesday in Charlestown, Ma.

## City considers pet fine

**AR** ROGERS — City officials are considering a proposal to fine pet owners up to \$1,000 and jail them for a year if they fail to pick up their stray dogs or cats after six days — the same penalties as someone convicted of negligent homicide.

While the city says the suggested ordinance tracks with state law, pet owners fear the proposal is excessive.

"I think jail time may be a little severe. What if you're on vacation and someone else is taking care of your dog when it leaves?" said Kathy Jones, who owns a dog named Toby.

Under the ordinance scheduled for discussion Tuesday, pet owners could be cited for animal abandonment on the seventh day of impoundment.

James Willett, director of code enforcement for the city, said the proposed ordinance mirrors the state's law against cruelty to animals regarding animal abandonment. He said fines would likely be lower.

"The judge is going to make the determining factor; nothing is set in stone. It's like shopping or driving while intoxicated. People who get DWIs get less than the maximum fine," Willett said.

## Bodies to be exhumed

**GA** SAVANNAH — After exhuming at least four bodies in an attempt to prove a link to a \$160 million inheritance, the O'Regan family of Ireland is planning to dig up seven more. Mary Sheehan died in 1983 but left no will. DNA testing has failed to connect the bodies to the family. The Georgia Supreme Court ruled that another family are closer relatives and therefore heirs to the Georgia woman's fortune.

## Sex offenders database

**OH** COLUMBUS — Ohio started an e-mail service to notify residents when registered sex offenders move within a mile of their homes. About 10,000 people signed up in four counties that have been testing the program. The online database of registered sex offenders also is being expanded to show maps of offender addresses within one mile of a resident's address.

## Wolf family to move

**AZ** ALPINE — A family of five Mexican gray wolves was placed in an acclimation pen south of this eastern Arizona town in preparation for the animals' eventual release into the wild. The pack, consisting of a male, a female and their three pups, will stay in the nylon mesh pen for up to two weeks, wildlife officials said. The wolves are part of a government program to re-establish wild wolves in Arizona and New Mexico.

## Card finally delivered

**PA** SEELYVILLE — Talk about snail mail: A woman vacationing in New Jersey 37 years ago popped a card into the mail and it just arrived at her mother's house in Pennsylvania.

Dorothy Orth, of Seelyville in

northeastern Pennsylvania, baffled her daughter when she called Saturday to thank her for the card.

"What card?" Janet Richards, of Port Jervis, N.Y., asked.

When her mother said it was from Asbury Park, N.J., she remembered.

"I sent that postcard in August 1967, when my husband, Larry, and I were on our fifth wedding anniversary," she said. Orth received it July 17, almost 37 years later.

In addition to the 4-cent stamp, a 23-cent stamp was affixed, and the 18431 zip code was penciled in. The card was postmarked Aug. 19, 1967, at the Asbury Park post office, and July 14, 2004, in New York City's Brooklyn borough.

"A lot of credit goes to the Brooklyn post office and whoever got the postcard to me," Orth said.

That was Ernesto Perry, of the U.S. Post Office undelivered mail unit in Brooklyn.

The postcard was behind a machine that was recently moved, Perry said. He said he added the zip code and the 23-cent stamp and sent it on its way.

"We always try to send back mail whenever possible, it doesn't matter how long it has been lost or misplaced," he said.

## Drugs found in bales

**ID** BUHL — A railroad car used to haul fish meal from Mexico to a southern Idaho trout farm also contained four bales of marijuana worth \$3.3 million. Workers at the Clear Springs Foods facility, which prepares food for the hatcheries, discovered the bales weighing a total of 74 pounds. State and local authorities are investigating. They doubt the marijuana was supposed to be unloaded in Buhl.

## Grant will fund center

**NJ** PENNSAUKEN — The Delaware River Port Authority will use a \$500,000 federal grant to help build a South Jersey regional visitors welcome center. It will be located on Admiral Wilson Boulevard, the main thoroughfare into South Jersey from Philadelphia. The center will have information on tourist attractions, maps, message boards, vending machines and restrooms.

## Inmates may be released

**MS** JACKSON — The Mississippi Department of Corrections is considering the early release of as many as 20 terminally ill inmates. Those who qualify are in the late stages of diseases like cancer and lung disease and would be too ill to cause harm.

Officials say the move would save the agency about \$400,000.

## Program funds donated

**IN** SHELBYVILLE — Community members and businesses donated enough money to prevent Shelbyville High School officials from cutting a growing Japanese language program. Last year, 59 students started the year in Japanese classes and 90 have signed up for this fall. The school doesn't know whether the program will continue after the 2004-05 school year.

Stories and photos from wire services





Moviegoers watch a free showing of Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11" in Crawford, Texas — a few miles from President Bush's ranch — Wednesday. Bush supporters also gathered to protest the movie's showing.

# Movie showing turns up heat in Crawford

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The Associated Press

CRAWFORD, Texas — Brian Munoz already saw the documentary "Fahrenheit 9/11" in a theater, but he and some friends couldn't resist a chance to watch it again outdoors on a muggy summer night — especially only a few miles from President Bush.

They were among more than 3,000 people — three times more than originally expected — who sat on lawn chairs, pillows or blankets Wednesday night, soaking in Michael Moore's film that lambasts Bush's decision to go to war with Iraq and his handling of the 2001 terrorist attacks.

"A lot of people are calling it propaganda, but if you look at it hard, the facts are there," said Munoz, who drove nearly 200 miles from Lewisville in a car covered with anti-Bush slogans.

Moore initially said he would come to Crawford and discuss the movie afterward — and even invited Bush to attend. But on Wednesday, Moore decided to remain at the Democratic National Convention in Boston, saying his presence in Crawford would overshadow the film's message and detract from the convention.

There were plenty of locals in Bush's adopted hometown on hand to lend support to their famous neighbor, who has been vacationing at his Crawford ranch for several days but has made no public appearances.

After more than 300 people attended a pro-Bush rally earlier Wednesday night, many spilled out of the building and gathered on Main Street holding signs praising Bush and criticizing Moore.

The film's screening was organized by the Crawford Peace House, an interfaith gathering place that often serves as a catalyst for peace protests at Bush's ranch. "This was not done as a protest; it was a demonstration of free speech," said Kay Lucas, a house volunteer. Organizers said there was \$8 suggested donation.

## 'Barbershop' co-star as rape

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Anthony Anderson, the rotund comedic co-star of "Kangaroo Jack" and the original "Barbershop," has been arrested and charged with aggravated rape after shooting a woman.

The actor, 33, was accused by an unidentified woman of luring her into a trailer on the set of his latest movie, "Hustle & Flow," and then, along with the film's assistant director, Wayne Witherspoon, sexually assaulting her. Both men were charged on Wednesday after being taken into custody by the Shelby County Sheriff's Department.

The incident occurred Tuesday afternoon at the Shelby County Correctional Center, a penal farm on the outskirts of Memphis, where filming was under way for the movie.

From wire reports

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FRIDAY, JULY 30, 2004					
AFN-EUROPE	AFN-KOREA	AFN-NEWS	AFN-SPORTS	SPECTRUM	AFN-PACIFIC
9:00 Dr. Phil	The Mindy Humberly	Headline News	Golf (Taped)	The Mindy Humberly	Ozzy & D
9:30 As Told by Ginger	Jeopardy!	Hardball With Chris Matthews	SpongeBob	As Told by Ginger	Jeopardy!
10:00 Oprah Winfrey	Wheel of Fortune	CNN Daybreak	Happy Days	The Simpsons	Headline News
10:30 Guiding Light	ESPN News	Baseball Tonight	The Dead Zone	Headline News	ESPN News
11:00 General Hospital	Advisory Block	The O'Reilly Factor	Boston Public 'Chapter Twenty-Two'	Headline News	Pacific Report
11:30 Headline News	King of the Hill	Good Morning America	The Crocodile Hunter 'Freshwater Crawl'	King of the Hill	Malcolm in the Middle
12:30 Judge Judy	Malcolm in the Middle	World's Wildest Animals	The Crocodile Hunter 'Freshwater Crawl'	The Apprentice 'A Look Back'	The Apprentice 'A Look Back'
13:00 Today Dennis Miller; Norah Jones	The Apprentice 'A Look Back'	World's Wildest Animals	World's Wildest Animals	World's Wildest Animals	World's Wildest Animals
14:00 The 'Naked' Last Waltz	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
15:00 House of Mouse	The Tonight Show	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
15:30 Rocko's Modern Life	Ozzy & D	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
16:00 As Told by Ginger	Late Show	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
17:00 Jeopardy!	Access Hollywood	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
17:30 Headline News	Access Hollywood	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News
18:00 ESPN News	Movie *** 'Flashdance' (1983, Drama)	FOX News	Baseball Tonight	Headline News	Headline News
18:30 Headline News	Movie *** 'Flashdance' (1983, Drama)	FOX News	Baseball Tonight	Headline News	Headline News
19:00 King of the Hill	Movie *** 'Flashdance' (1983, Drama)	FOX News	Baseball Tonight	Headline News	Headline News
19:30 Malcolm in the Middle	Movie *** 'Flashdance' (1983, Drama)	FOX News	Baseball Tonight	Headline News	Headline News
20:00 The Apprentice 'A Look Back'	Movie *** 'Flashdance' (1983, Drama)	FOX News	Baseball Tonight	Headline News	Headline News
20:30 The Apprentice 'A Look Back'	Movie *** 'Flashdance' (1983, Drama)	FOX News	Baseball Tonight	Headline News	Headline News
21:00 'Alas' Taken	Movie *** 'Flashdance' (1983, Drama)	FOX News	Baseball Tonight	Headline News	Headline News
21:30 Headline News	Movie *** 'Flashdance' (1983, Drama)	FOX News	Baseball Tonight	Headline News	Headline News
22:00 The Tonight Show	Movie *** 'Flashdance' (1983, Drama)	FOX News	Baseball Tonight	Headline News	Headline News
23:00 The Tonight Show	Movie *** 'Flashdance' (1983, Drama)	FOX News	Baseball Tonight	Headline News	Headline News
23:30 Late Show	Movie *** 'Flashdance' (1983, Drama)	FOX News	Baseball Tonight	Headline News	Headline News
SATURDAY, JULY 31, 2004					
00:00 (11:30) Late Show	Clifford's Puppy Days	Headline News	SportsCenter	The X-Files 'The Unnatural'	Clifford's Puppy Days
00:30 Access Hollywood	Little Bill (E)	NBC Nightly News	The View	Clifford's Puppy Days	Little Bill (E)
1:00 Movie *** 'National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon 1' (1986, Emilio Estevez, Samuel L. Jackson)	Rocket Power	ABC World News	The View	Rocket Power	Rocket Power
1:30 Scooby-Doo	Scooby-Doo	CBS Evening News	The View	Scooby-Doo	Scooby-Doo
2:00 Pokemon-John	Pokemon-John	NewsHour With Kaiti Obermann	The View	Pokemon-John	Pokemon-John
2:30 The Shark (E)	The Shark (E)	NewsHour With Kaiti Obermann	The View	The Shark (E)	The Shark (E)
3:00 Movie *** 'Mighty Joe Young' (1998, Adam Sandler, Charlize Theron, Bill Paxton)	Boxing Friday Night Fights — Alex Buncema vs. Emmet Linton. (Live)	Hannity & Colmes	The View	Boxing Friday Night Fights — Alex Buncema vs. Emmet Linton. (Live)	Boxing Friday Night Fights — Alex Buncema vs. Emmet Linton. (Live)
4:00 Headline News	Headline News	BET Nightly News	The View	Headline News	Headline News
5:00 ESPN News	Headline News	Business Rpt.	The View	ESPN News	ESPN News
6:00 Headline News	WWE Raw	Larry King Live	The View	Headline News	Headline News
6:30 Headline News	Headline News	NewsHour With Aaron Brown	The View	Headline News	Headline News
7:00 Clifford's Puppy Days	Headline News	Totally NASCAR	The View	Clifford's Puppy Days	Clifford's Puppy Days
7:30 Little Bill (E)	Headline News	PGA Golf Buck Open - Second Round. From Grand Blanc, Mich. (Taped)	The View	Little Bill (E)	Little Bill (E)
8:00 Rocket Power	Sports Figures	PGA Golf Buck Open - Second Round. From Grand Blanc, Mich. (Taped)	The View	Rocket Power	Rocket Power
8:30 Scooby-Doo	Scout's Safari (E)	PGA Golf Buck Open - Second Round. From Grand Blanc, Mich. (Taped)	The View	Scooby-Doo	Scooby-Doo
9:00 Pokemon-John	Trading Spas	PGA Golf Buck Open - Second Round. From Grand Blanc, Mich. (Taped)	The View	Pokemon-John	Pokemon-John
9:30 Kenny the Shark (E)	The Best Of	PGA Golf Buck Open - Second Round. From Grand Blanc, Mich. (Taped)	The View	Kenny the Shark (E)	Kenny the Shark (E)
10:00 Lizzie McGuire	Entertainment Tonight	PGA Golf Buck Open - Second Round. From Grand Blanc, Mich. (Taped)	The View	Lizzie McGuire	Lizzie McGuire
10:30 Scout's Safari (E)	Headline News	PGA Golf Buck Open - Second Round. From Grand Blanc, Mich. (Taped)	The View	Scout's Safari (E)	Scout's Safari (E)
11:00 Trading Spas	Headline News	PGA Golf Buck Open - Second Round. From Grand Blanc, Mich. (Taped)	The View	Trading Spas	Trading Spas
11:30 The Best Of	Headline News	PGA Golf Buck Open - Second Round. From Grand Blanc, Mich. (Taped)	The View	The Best Of	The Best Of
12:00 Entertainment Tonight	Headline News	PGA Golf Buck Open - Second Round. From Grand Blanc, Mich. (Taped)	The View	Entertainment Tonight	Entertainment Tonight
12:30 Half & Half	Headline News	PGA Golf Buck Open - Second Round. From Grand Blanc, Mich. (Taped)	The View	Half & Half	Half & Half
13:00 WWE Raw	The West Wing 'No Exit'	PGA Golf Buck Open - Second Round. From Grand Blanc, Mich. (Taped)	The View	WWE Raw	WWE Raw
13:30 The West Wing 'No Exit'	Headline News	PGA Golf Buck Open - Second Round. From Grand Blanc, Mich. (Taped)	The View	The West Wing 'No Exit'	The West Wing 'No Exit'
14:00 My Wife and Kids	Law & Order 'Gajin'	PGA Golf Buck Open - Second Round. From Grand Blanc, Mich. (Taped)	The View	My Wife and Kids	My Wife and Kids
14:30 The West Wing 'No Exit'	Headline News	PGA Golf Buck Open - Second Round. From Grand Blanc, Mich. (Taped)	The View	The West Wing 'No Exit'	The West Wing 'No Exit'
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16:00 Law & Order 'Gajin'	Headline News	PGA Golf Buck Open - Second Round. From Grand Blanc, Mich. (Taped)	The View	Law & Order 'Gajin'	Law & Order 'Gajin'
16:30 Headline News	Kickin' It Latest in music and trends.	PGA Golf Buck Open - Second Round. From Grand Blanc, Mich. (Taped)	The View	Headline News	Headline News
17:00 SportsCenter	Walt Street J.m! Music America's Black Firm	PGA Golf Buck Open - Second Round. From Grand Blanc, Mich. (Taped)	The View	SportsCenter	SportsCenter
18:00 SportsCenter	Walt Street J.m! Music America's Black Firm	PGA Golf Buck Open - Second Round. From Grand Blanc, Mich. (Taped)	The View	Headline News	Headline News
18:30 Headline News	Walt Street J.m! Music America's Black Firm	PGA Golf Buck Open - Second Round. From Grand Blanc, Mich. (Taped)	The View	Headline News	Headline News
19:00 MLB Baseball Regional Coverage — Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, Houston at Cincinnati or Philadelphia at Chicago Cubs. (Live)	Walt Street J.m! Music America's Black Firm	PGA Golf Buck Open - Second Round. From Grand Blanc, Mich. (Taped)	The View	MLB Baseball Regional Coverage — Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, Houston at Cincinnati or Philadelphia at Chicago Cubs. (Live)	MLB Baseball Regional Coverage — Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, Houston at Cincinnati or Philadelphia at Chicago Cubs. (Live)
20:00 Headline News	Walt Street J.m! Music America's Black Firm	PGA Golf Buck Open - Second Round. From Grand Blanc, Mich. (Taped)	The View	Headline News	Headline News
21:30 MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Anaheim Angels. (Live)	Walt Street J.m! Music America's Black Firm	PGA Golf Buck Open - Second Round. From Grand Blanc, Mich. (Taped)	The View	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Anaheim Angels. (Live)	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Anaheim Angels. (Live)
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23:00 Headline News	Walt Street J.m! Music America's Black Firm	PGA Golf Buck Open - Second Round. From Grand Blanc, Mich. (Taped)	The View	Headline News	Headline News
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## Halle Berry gets high marks for fetching feline moves in 'Catwoman'

BY MIKE SZYMANSKI  
Zap2it.com

LOS ANGELES — Halle Berry is the cat's meow these days. Or, at least, she is with "Catwoman."

"I have watched my cat and I listen to how he purrs and plays and walks and when he gets angry," Berry says. "And there's a sound that he makes that I've tried to use, too."

Her cat is one of the 60 homeless cats used in a scene in her last film, "Gothika," with Robert Downey Jr. In that film, she played a successful psychiatrist who is accused of brutally killing her husband. Berry's mother worked as a psychiatric nurse, and she helped her with the role.

"My mom was a psych nurse at a veterinarian's hospital for 35 years and I've grown up with that in my life — therapy and psychology and always knowing the value and the benefit of it," Berry says. "My mom was really helpful in telling me what things a person in that situation would feel, and how the [heck] they got there."

In lots of ways, Berry says she looks at where she is now and wonders how the heck she got there. Now the highest-paid black actress in Hollywood history, she also has an Oscar, Golden Globe, Emmy, Image and SAG Award, so she's always aware of expectations to better herself.

"People thought it was strange I was going off to be a Bond girl right after win-

ning an Oscar," she says about playing Jinx in "Die Another Day" after her award-winning role as an abusive mom in "Monster's Ball." "Then, they thought it was strange that I did 'Gothika,' or played Storm again in 'X2.' I don't care."

She's keeping busy, saying "my umbrella is full" with her roles in upcoming movies, "The Guide" and "The Set-Up," "Napily Ever After" and the animated sci-fi film "Robots." She ended her second marriage last October, and tries to maintain her privacy, saying, "There are some things that I still haven't revealed that are still secret. I've got strong family support and faith."

And, if reporters get too personal, she says kiddingly with a wave of her hand, "I slap them."

Although she looks stunning as she walks into the room for an interview, she insists she hasn't felt pressure to always be beautiful.

"I don't buy into that pressure to be glamorous all the time. It's impossible. I mean, you get a pimple in the morning, you wake up with bags under your eyes, you see if you can use it in your work, maybe incorporate it into your character."

There's no room for bags under her eyes in "Catwoman," where she's decked out in a skin-tight leather outfit, apart with Sharon Stone and plays around with Benjamin Bratt.

"Halle is one of the most dedicated, fo-

cused actors that I've ever worked with. She's arguably one of the biggest superstars in the world," Bratt says, "but I have to give her full credit because even in the most ridiculous or seemingly insignificant off-camera moment, she would be there."

French director Pitof says, "I know people thought there would be cat fights among the cast, but they were the utmost professionals, and Halle is a superstar no matter what superhero she plays."

And what about another comic book originated role she's known for? She's not convinced she will reprise her superhero role of Storm in the "X-Men" franchise because, she says, "My desires have been dictated by what the fans have come to me with, and what their complaints have been. After every movie, especially the real die-hard fans, they often say, 'Yeah you know Storm was OK, but she should do more, she should fly, she should fight, she should be more of what she is in the comic book series.'"

"I'm not really complaining, I'm happy to be a part of it, as it's been a great franchise to be a part of, but I think the fans feel that in the comic book she's represented as a little bit more of a leader."

She laughs about the comic-book turn of her career.

"I wasn't an avid comic book reader, but I did read them. Batman was probably the biggest one — it was something I related to, so it's really great that now I get to be Catwoman."



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Sharon Stone and Halle Berry get a little scrappy in the new film "Catwoman."

One of her idols, Eartha Kitt, is one of the most famous actresses to play Catwoman. "Being a woman of color, that meant a lot to me as a kid to see someone like me playing a character that was so universal. So, that theme has sort of come full circle for me now as I get to be the Catwoman for the new century."

She sighs, almost purrs, "That feels really good."

## Hoffman a real-life hero

Although he once played the reluctant "Hero" in a movie of the same name, Dustin Hoffman wasted no time rushing to the aid of an allergic bee sting victim.

The Oscar-winning actor's real-life heroics occurred two weeks ago when a woman walking on the beach with friends was stung by a bee near Hoffman's home in Malibu. Lydia Graham began having an allergic reaction and a friend rushed to get help from the beach patrol and people nearby.

"I could feel my eyes starting to sting and swell and my lips starting to swell up as well," Graham said Tuesday on CBS' "The Early Show." Hoffman and his wife, Lisa, were on deck chairs outside their California home when they heard what happened. Hoffman's wife, who also is allergic to bee stings, retrieved an emergency injection kit from their home and the two rushed to the woozy Graham's aid.

After she began to recover, they invited her to their



Hoffman

deck to rest.

Graham, 36, said that as her throat was closing up, she recognized a familiar face on the sand with her.

"I did recognize that it was Dustin Hoffman but I was sure that ... I could possibly die," Graham said.

## Sizemore probation scrutinized

A Superior Court judge has ordered Tom Sizemore to appear in court Aug. 5 to set another hearing into whether he violated probation after being convicted of abusing ex-girlfriend and former Hollywood madam Heidi Fleiss.

Prosecutors allege he made contact with Fleiss and tested positive for drugs, said Frank Matejan, a spokesman for the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office.

Sizemore, who has appeared in films such as "Black Hawk Down" and "Saving Private Ryan," was sentenced in October to six months in jail on misdemeanor charges of harassing, annoying and physically abusing Fleiss during their two years together.



Sizemore

## Fighting fat headlines

Anna Nicole Smith is jumping to the defense of Kirstie Alley, though it's not clear she needs the help.

Referring to media coverage of Alley's increased weight since her days on "Cheers," Smith told syndicated entertainment TV show "Access Hollywood" on Tuesday, "They are just being so mean to her." Excerpts of the interview were released in advance.

Alley's weight problems have been well documented by the tabloids, but she's not running from them. In a reality-comedy series for Showtime, the 53-year-old actress will send up her own image, as well as Hollywood's obsession with weight and beauty. The half-hour series, "Fat Actress," will air sometime next year.

Smith has dealt with her own tabloid coverage, including reports on her recent 69-pound weight loss. She says, "I'm so tired of hearing, 'Oh, she's had bypass surgery ... she's had liposuction.' None of it is true."

Stories and photos from The Associated Press



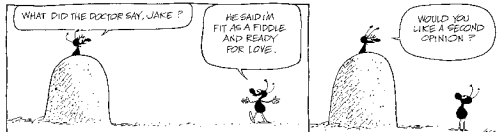
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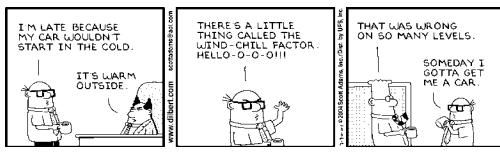
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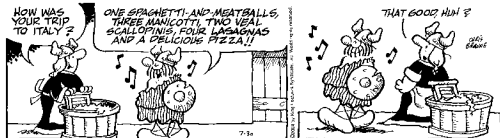
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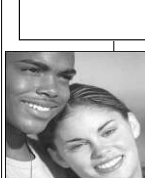
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# Manning gets rookie record \$20M signing bonus

BY DAVE GOLDBERG

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Top overall draft pick Eli Manning agreed Thursday to a \$54 million, six-year contract with the New York Giants that will pay him a rookie-record \$20 million signing bonus.

The Ole Miss quarterback's bonus is believed to be the second highest in NFL history, behind only the \$34.5 million the Indianapolis Colts gave his brother Peyton in March. That deal also was negotiated by agent Tom Condon, who represents both Mannings.

The Giants began training camp practices Thursday in Albany.

Team spokesman Pat Hanlon confirmed a deal with Manning was reached.

New York traded for Manning after he

made it clear that he did not want to play for the San Diego Chargers, who had the No. 1 pick in April's draft. The Giants, who had the fourth overall choice, took another quarterback, Philip Rivers, then traded him to the Chargers along with several draft picks for the rights to Manning.

The main sticking point in contract talks between Condon and the Giants was not the amount of money but the complicated rookie salary cap.

Because the Giants traded a player for Manning, they were allocated money under the rookie salary cap that goes with the fourth pick. Had they traded the pick rather than the player they would have been allowed to offer No. 1 pick money.

Still, Giants General Manager Eric Acors said they would pay top-pick money

to Manning. Acors said this week he was confident a deal would get done. Manning's signing is expected to clear the way for several high first-round picks to sign. Rivers is also seeking No. 1 money, even though he was chosen fourth.

Two other first-round draft choices joined their teams Wednesday.

Denvers' tackle Tommie Harris, the 14th overall selection, signed with Chicago. Running back Kevin Jones, chosen 30th, came to terms with Detroit.

Still, the Lions are trying to sign wide receiver Roy Williams, whom they took with seventh overall selection.

The signings brought to 12 the number of first-round choices in the fold. The second overall pick, offensive tackle Robert Gallery, was reportedly close to a deal with the Oakland Raiders.

None of the first-round picks represented by the Post brothers have signed — tight end Kellen Winslow Jr. of Cleveland, wide receiver Reggie Williams of Jacksonville and cornerback Chris Gamble of Carolina. The Browns have begun talking with Kevin Poston, and the Panthers have been talking to Carl Poston about Gamble, but Carolina General Manager Marty Hurney indicated on Wednesday that a deal wasn't close.

Kevin Poston spent four hours meeting Wednesday with Browns President John Collins at the team's headquarters, a possible sign the sides want a deal finalized by Friday when the club holds its first full-squad workout.

Coach Butch Davis reported progress in the talks, but he isn't counting on having Winslow, the No. 6 overall pick from Miami, in the start of camp.

## Critics: Racer has raised millions for charity

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in its hometown earlier this month when the No. 20 Chevrolet was heavily booed as it drove around the field during an Atlanta Braves game.

That act is overshadowed by a tremendous talent on the track that forces those around him to overlook the bad things.

"Tony Stewart is very emotional," Gibbs said last week. "But I think he's one of the neatest guys — he's easygoing, he's laid back, he's fun to be around and he's got a good sense of humor."

"So you've got to take the good and try to balance that out."

Often lost in Stewart's negative actions is his off-track charity. He's helped raise millions of dollars for Kyle Petty's Victory Junction Gang camp, just one of several organizations he helps out, and was recently given NASCAR's "Good Guy" award by The Sporting News.

How could the Bad Boy of NASCAR also get the Good Guy award?

"He's two different people from the standpoint that he's given us a bunch of money for Victory Junction," Richard Petty said. "Yet he goes around and does some childish stuff. I don't think he's grown up as far as reality. Understanding how the public looks at him."

"He'll eventually learn to look at the bigger picture."

Gibbs thinks Stewart already is. He said last week that Stewart must perform as if he has "two strikes against him" and that the driver finally understands that.

"I think what Tony has to understand is his past, and he has had situations there and he can't be put in those situations again," Gibbs said. "I think he's determined to do that. We're not looking to control him. He just has to be careful about the situations he gets in, knowing how much publicity it gets."

"Whenever Tony Stewart does something, it's a big deal."

## System, supporting cast have Vick eager

BY KEITH PARSONS

The Associated Press

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Michael Vick tossed a perfect spiral about 50 yards toward the corner of the end zone, where Peepless Price outran a defender to catch the ball just as he tumbled into the end zone.

It was a spectacular play — even if it came Wednesday on the first day of training camp — and clearly showed that the Atlanta Falcons' variation of the West Coast offense isn't strictly for short passes over the middle.

"I think he is the right guy," Falcons quarterback coach Mike Johnson said of Vick. "Will he ever be a straight drop-back guy where you throw the ball 25 times in the pocket? That's not him. You're taking away from his strengths if you do that."

Vick spent the offseason studying video and learning the new playbook, and he attended most of the voluntary workouts. He got to know new offensive coordinator Greg Knapp, who installed a similar offense to the one he used the previous three years with the San Francisco 49ers.

So far, Vick appears to be having fun, and he's heard plenty of good things about this style of play from cousin Aaron Brooks, the starting quarterback for the New Orleans Saints.

"A lot of guys enjoy playing in this system," Vick said. "I talked to my cousin, and he's enjoyed playing in it. I'm excited about being one of the best quarter-



Quarterback Michael Vick is having fun learning a new offense that Falcons coaches insist will take advantage of his unique skills.

backs in the league, and I'm just trying to get into a system where I can do that."

For the first time, Vick also likely has the supporting cast to help him reach his goal. Price moved back to flanker after the Falcons signed free agent Dez White as their other wide receiver, and the

shift should help Price get closer to the career-high 94 catches he had in 2002 with Buffalo.

Last season, his first with Atlanta, Price had only 64 receptions and three touchdowns, his lowest total since 2000.

"It's more of a comfort level thing," Price said. "That's where

I played my whole career, except for last year. It's just new freedom. It's easier to get off the line and do things."

Vick and Price never got much of a chance to bond on the field in 2003, since Vick broke his leg in the preseason and missed nearly 12 games. Now, with this new offense, they get a chance to learn each other's moves all over again.

"I actually played this offense before, during my third year in Buffalo," Price said. "I put up decent numbers and I wasn't even the featured guy, that was [Eric] Moulds."

"But now that I'm that guy, I think it's going to be great. This offense fits all of us."

Getting back on the field capped a hectic summer for Vick.

Besides his work with the Falcons and making sure his injured leg was completely healed, he had to deal with two arrests of his younger brother, Marcus, who followed him to Virginia Tech.

Marcus Vick was suspended indefinitely from the team earlier this month after he was charged with reckless driving and possession of marijuana. In May, the 20-year-old Vick was sentenced to 30 days in jail and fined \$2,250 on three counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor after he and two teammates gave alcohol to 14 to 15-year-old girls at the players' apartment.

Through it all, Michael Vick supported his brother, and that continued Wednesday.

"I think he'll be fine, man," Michael Vick said. "Just sitting out, he'll be all right."

## Williams admits he failed a third drug test

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Retired Dolphins running back Ricky Williams said he failed a third drug test for marijuana use, which would cost him a four-game suspension if he decides to return to the NFL. The Miami Herald reported on its Web site Thursday.

Williams told the newspaper that marijuana played a larger role in his retirement than he initially indicated. He said he learned of the failed test and possible suspension days before telling coach Dave Wannstedt last week that he was through playing.

Williams said, however, that there were "a hundred reasons" for his retirement and that his desire to continue smoking marijuana was only one of them.

"I didn't quit football because I failed a drug test," he told the Herald. "I failed a drug test because I was ready to quit football."

Williams told the newspaper that he is not addicted to marijuana.

In May, three South Florida newspapers quoted unidentified sources saying Williams tested positive for marijuana and faced a fine of at least \$650,000 for violating the substance-abuse policy for the second time since

joining the Dolphins in 2002.

He told the Herald for Thursday's story that he already decided to quit football before that second positive test. He appealed that fine, but received word last week that his appeal had been denied, the Herald reported.

While the appeal was pending, Williams said, he continued smoking marijuana during a trip to Europe and failed a third test upon his return.

He said he had been using a masking agent to cleanse his system while being randomly tested for two seasons but he didn't do that before the last test.

# A's Mulder first to earn 14th win

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Mark Mulder's season has gone so well, it was fitting he found a way to win despite being outpitched.

The Seattle Mariners have struggled so mightily, it was not surprising to see them give this one away.

Mulder earned his 14th victory when pinch-hitter Mark Kotsay singled home the winning run in the ninth inning, and the Oakland Athletics beat Seattle

3-2 Wednesday for the Mariners' team-record 15th straight road loss.

The A's won their fifth in a row as Mulder (14-3) pitched his fifth complete game of the season. Mulder gave up eight hits in becoming the majors' top winner this season. Texas' Kenny Rogers later lost while trying for his 14th victory when Anaheim beat the Rangers 2-0. That pulled the A's within a half-game of first-place Texas heading into a four-game road series against the Rangers starting Friday.

"Guys came through," Mulder

said. "Sometimes we don't wake up until two o'clock. Sometimes you've got to wait it out, and that's why I tried to do."

**Twins 5, White Sox 4 (10):** Jacques Jones hit a go-ahead single in the 10th inning right after Chicago shortstop Jose Valentin dropped his foul popup with two outs, and Minnesota completed a three-game sweep in Chicago.

The Twins won for the 10th time in 12 tries and moved 3½ games ahead of the White Sox in the AL Central. Minnesota has won four in a row and Chicago has lost four straight.

**Orioles 4, Red Sox 1:** Dave Borkowski took a two-hitter into the eighth inning, and Javy Lopez hit two homers off Curt Schilling in Baltimore.

Facing a torrid-hitting club that scored 39 runs on 52 hits in its previous four games, Borkowski (2-2) allowed three hits in seven-plus innings. He struck out seven and walked none.

**Indians 5, Tigers 4:** Scott Elarton won for the first time in 18 starts, and Casey Blake's two-run homer in the seventh inning lifted Cleveland.

Elarton (1-2) hadn't won since



Oakland Athletics' Mark Mulder on Wednesday became the first pitcher in the majors to win 14 games this season.

Sept. 19, 2003, for Colorado.

**Devil Rays 10, Royals 1:** Mark Hendrickson gave up four hits in his second complete game in three starts and Tampa Bay handed Kansas City its sixth straight loss.

Jose Cruz Jr., Aubrey Huff and Tino Martinez homered for the two in a row following a six-game losing streak. Tampa Bay hit just 17 homers the previous 24 games.

**Blue Jays 3, Yankees 2 (10):** Vernon Wells homered in the 10th inning and Carlos Delgado had a tying RBI double in the eighth to lead Toronto to a protest.

Wells homered off Scott Proctor (1-1) with one out as Toronto avoided a three-game sweep. In the top of the 10th, Wells robbed Derek Jeter of extra bases with a running catch at the wall in center field.

# Save: Lackey finally gets past Rangers

SAVE, FROM BACK PAGE

Lackey (9-9) won for the fifth time in six decisions, tying a season high with seven strikeouts, walking one and retiring 15 of his last 16 batters after losing his other two starts against Texas this season.

"It was kind of a mixed feeling after the eighth," he said. "I knew Percy was at 299, so I wanted to give him an opportunity at 300. But I also felt good, and I thought I could finish it. I left it in his hands, and he told me to go back out there."

The victory was Lackey's third in eight career decisions against the Rangers — including his first major league shutout, and the game that clinched a wild-card berth for the Angels two years ago.

Lackey retired his first nine batters before giving up a leadoff single in the fourth to Michael Young. Texas' only other hits were a single by Teixeira and a leadoff double by Gary Matthews Jr. in the fifth.

Kenny Rogers (13-4), starting on the 10th anniversary of his perfect game against the Angels, allowed two runs — one earned — and nine hits in seven-plus innings. The All-Star left-hander struck out one and walked none.

"It was just a terrible night for

us," Texas' Laynce Nix said. "Lackey had good command, and we just weren't patient enough to get our pitch. We have to have a better approach against a guy like that and make adjustments. When we have Kenny pitching for us, he deserves better."

The loss reduced the Rangers' lead in the AL West to a half-game over Oakland and three over the third-place Angels.

Anaheim opened the scoring in the second when All-Star third baseman Hank Blalock fielded Molina's routine grounder with plenty of time to get Erstad at the plate — and made a wide throw to Gerald Laird.

Angels center fielder Garret Anderson, who didn't start the previous five games because of a strained groin, returned to the lineup as the DH and drove in Anaheim's second run with a fielder's choice grounder in the fifth.

Notes: Blalock has just 11 hits in his last 72 at-bats, and none in his last 17. ... Lackey has walked no more than two batters in 18 of his 20 starts this season, and has given up fewer than three earned runs in seven of his last eight outings. ... The Rangers were shut out in consecutive games for the second time this season. It also happened May 26-27 against the White Sox at Chicago.

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Boston	55	49	.526	8	Chicago	48	53	.478	19 1/2	Los Angeles	47	53	.469	—	St. Louis	47	54	.465	19 1/2
Baltimore	47	53	.470	16	Tampa Bay	44	57	.436	24	Seattle	44	57	.436	—	San Francisco	44	57	.436	24
Los Angeles	44	57	.436	24	Toronto	38	64	.369	30	Oakland	38	64	.369	—	Colorado	38	64	.369	30
Chicago	38	64	.369	30	Minnesota	37	65	.364	31	San Diego	37	65	.364	—	Arizona	37	65	.364	31
Seattle	37	65	.364	31	Los Angeles	36	66	.353	32	St. Louis	36	66	.353	—	San Francisco	36	66	.353	32
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Arizona	30	72	.301	38	Tampa Bay	29	73	.292	39	Tampa Bay	29	73	.292	—	Los Angeles	29	73	.292	39
San Francisco	29	73	.292	39	Oakland	28	74	.283	40	Oakland	28	74	.283	—	San Diego	28	74	.283	40
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## Ortiz gets 100th win vs. Pirates

BY ALAN ROBINSON  
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Oliver Perez earned substantial praise from both dugouts. Russ Ortiz got something even better: his 100th major league victory.

Ortiz shut out Pittsburgh for seven innings to win his sixth in a row and Chipper Jones homered for Atlanta's only run off Perez, leading the Braves past the Pirates 1-0 Wednesday night.

The game matched two streaking pitchers in Ortiz and Perez, neither of whom had lost since June, and two of baseball's hottest tests. The Braves have won 21 of 28, the Pirates 21 of 29.

Ortiz (12-6) improved to 7-0 against Pittsburgh in 10 career starts despite allowing at least one baserunner in every inning. The Pirates had nine hits off Ortiz and 11 overall, only to strand 11 runners after scoring 36 runs in their previous five games.

"If you had told me I'd be able to get 100 wins in the big leagues, I didn't know how long it would even last," Ortiz said.

"I just feel very fortunate. I've been on some good teams that gave me an opportunity to win — like tonight, somebody had to do something for us to win and Chipper came up with the home run."

The left-handed Perez (6-5), fast developing into one of the NL's best starters, was more in command than Ortiz except for one pitch — Jones' 14th homer, a solo shot to left field with one out in the fourth.

"When a guy's throwing as



Atlanta's Russ Ortiz beat Pittsburgh 1-0 Wednesday night for his 100th major league victory.

good as that kid was, you hope for more but you know that may hold up," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "I'm sure that was what Russ was thinking."

"I think everyone sensed it was going to be tough to score more runs," Ortiz said. "When he's on, he's a very tough guy to hit."

Except for the homer, Perez didn't allow a runner to reach second until Eli Marrero tripled in the ninth. Perez struck out 10 and walked five in 8 1/3 innings in his sixth double-digit strikeout game this season and 11th of his career. Perez's average of 10.9 strikeouts per nine innings leads the majors. "I certainly am glad we had Russ on the mound for this match-up because you had to know that guy (Perez) wasn't going to give up too many runs," Jones said. "He's the closest thing to Randy Johnson you'll see. He's a gem. He's only 22 years old and he's still miles per hour, but he can throw it 97 miles per hour and he's got a developing changeup."

## Reds fall again to Cards

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Walking 13 batters, blowing a seven-run lead and giving up a grand slam, the St. Louis Cardinals did just about everything they could to lose.

Then again, the Cardinals seem to beat the Cincinnati Reds no matter what happens.

Scott Rolen hit two of the Cardinals' four homers and visiting St. Louis beat the Reds 11-10 Wednesday night for its 11th win in 13 games against Cincinnati.

"This game was no fun," Rolen said.

There was too much going on. I'm going to forget about it when I fall asleep on that plane."

Rolen will probably wake up happy in San Francisco, knowing the Cardinals are the best road team in baseball at 34-16, even better than their 31-20 mark at home.

Jim Edmonds homered in all three games of the series sweep that gave the Cardinals — 42-14 since May 17 — an 11-game lead over Chicago in the NL Central.

St. Louis starter Jeff Suppan walked a career-high 10 in 4 1/3 innings of the game that took 3 hours, 55 minutes — the longest nine-inning game of the season for both teams.

**Astros 6, Diamondbacks 1:** Roger Clemens (12-3) struck out eight and allowed one run in seven innings, leading host Houston over reeling Arizona for his 32nd win.

Jeff Kent hit a two-run homer in the third and Jeff Bagwell followed with a solo shot.

Arizona lost for the 16th time in 17 games.

**Marlins 6, Phillies 3:** Hee Seop



St. Louis third baseman Scott Rolen prepares to throw out Cincinnati's Jason LaRue after fielding a grounder in the second inning Wednesday.

Choi hit a tiebreaking three-run homer in the eighth and Florida extended its winning streak against the Phillies in Miami to 13 games, including six this year.

**Expos 7, Mets 4:** Tony Batista homered and drove in two runs and Nick Johnson hit a go-ahead RBI double in the fifth to lift the host Expos over New York.

**Brewers 6, Cubs 3:** Chris Capuano (5-5) pitched effectively into the seventh inning and Bill Hall and Ben Griener homered to help host Milwaukee snap a four-game losing streak.

Kerry Wood (5-4) allowed season highs of five runs and seven hits in six innings.

**Rockies 5, Dodgers 4:** Aaron Miles hit a breaking single off Guillermo Mota (8-4) in the eighth and Jeremy Burnitz homered in his sixth straight home game to tie a team record, leading Colorado over visiting Los Angeles.

**Padres 9, Giants 4:** Sean Burroughs had a two-run single and Ryan Klesko added a two-run double in a five-run sixth, lifting the host Padres over San Francisco.

## Safety net goes up in Wrigley

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Workers at Wrigley Field put up heavy mesh netting to protect fans from falling chunks of concrete.

City officials can postpone Friday's game against Pittsburgh if the netting isn't fully installed or if they conclude it doesn't adequately protect fans, Chicago Department of Buildings spokesman Jack Beary said.

There have been three reports of falling concrete at the stadium since June. No injuries have been reported.

### Ex-Giant Gomez dies

SAN FRANCISCO — Former San Francisco Giants pitcher Ruben Gomez, who won baseball's first regular-season game on the West Coast, has died. He was 77.

Gomez died Monday in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the Giants said. The team said he had been ill for a long period.

Gomez started the first game in San Francisco history, beating Don Drysdale and the visiting Los Angeles Dodgers 8-0 on April 15, 1958. The teams moved from New York after the 1957 season.



The right-hander was 76-86 with a 4.09 ERA for the Giants, Philadelphia, Cleveland and Minnesota. He pitched from 1953-62, and then returned to make seven relief appearances for the Phillies in 1967, when he was the oldest player in the majors at 39.

### Erickson out in New York

MONTREAL — The New York Mets designated right-hander Scott Erickson for assignment on Wednesday. Erickson went 0-1 with a 7.88 ERA for the Mets in two starts, including a disastrous outing in Monday's 19-10 loss to the Expos.

"He was on a short leash," Mets General Manager Jim Duquette said.

### Mets suspend Spencer

MONTREAL — Shane Spencer was suspended without pay by the New York Mets on Wednesday, one day after he was arrested by the Florida Highway Patrol and charged with driving under the influence.

Spencer, in Florida to work out at the Mets' minor league facility in Port St. Lucie, was stopped for driving 96 mph in a 70 mph speed zone on I-95 in St. Lucie County.

### Marlins' Benitez ailing

MIAMI — Florida Marlins closer Armando Benitez might be sidelined until next week because of inflammation in his pitching elbow.

Benitez has 33 saves and is 2-1 with a 1.25 ERA.

### Wagner faces exam on arm

MIAMI — Closer Billy Wagner traveled back to Philadelphia on Wednesday to have his sore left shoulder examined by team physician Dr. Michael Cicotti. The Phillies closer complained of stiffness in the shoulder, which has sidelined him the past week. The left-hander is 3-0 with 16 saves, a 3.12 ERA and 46 strikeouts in 34 2-1/3 innings.

### Tigers put Knotts on DL

CLEVELAND — The Detroit Tigers placed right-hander Gary Knotts on the 15-day disabled list with a sore shoulder Wednesday, one day after he allowed seven runs in 2 1/3 innings in a loss to Cleveland.

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# Stupples shoots 65, leads major in England

BY BRET MILLWARD

The Associated Press

SUNNINGDALE, England — Karen Stupples of England made seven birdies in a bogey-free round of 65 on Thursday to take a two-shot lead after the first round of the Women's British Open.

Jung Yeon Lee eagled the first hole and finished with two birdies to shoot 67. Defending champion Annika Sorenstam, Scotland's Catriona Matthew, 21-year-old American Natalie Gulbis and Minea Blomqvist shot 68 and are three behind the leader.

Both Daniel, Cristie Kerr and Loretta Ochena are among a large group that shot 69.

Sorenstam, pursuing her eighth major and second this season, took advantage of warm, windless conditions at Sunningdale.

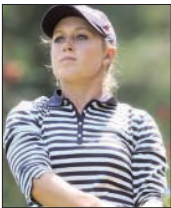
She birdied the second and third holes and, after bogeys on the fourth and sixth, birdied Nos. 7 and 9 before playing the back nine in 2-under 34.

Sorenstam's iron play was precise; the longest of her seven birdie putts was 9 feet.

"I'm very happy with my 68," Sorenstam said. "The greens were pure and they were really good scoring conditions. Just a really good start, I thought."

Sorenstam won the Women's British Open last year at Royal Lytham and St. Annes to complete the career Grand Slam. She successfully defended her LPGA Championship title in June for her seventh major victory and has four LPGA Tour victories this year to push her career total to 52.

The Swedish star has a chance this week to win all four major championships twice in a row, a



American Natalie Gulbis, who has one top-10 finish in 16 events this year, shot a bogey-free 68 Thursday in the Women's British Open.

feet accomplished only by Mickey Wright (1958-59 U.S. Open, '60-61 LPGA Championship, '61-62 Titleholders and '62-63 Western Open).

Meg Mallon, who outplayed Sorenstam in the final round to win the U.S. Open, made bogey, double-bogey on Nos. 10 and 11 and shot 75.

Juli Inkster, also playing with Sorenstam and Mallon, finished with two bogeys for a 1-under 71. Gulbis, who is chasing her first victory in 2½ years on the LPGA Tour, had a bogey-free 68.

Matthew, who tied for third and aced the 15th when the championship was at Sunningdale three years ago, made five birdies.

# Coyotes make an offer to Hull

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — The Phoenix Coyotes have made a two-year contract offer to right wing Brett Hull.

"We have a genuine interest, we've made a serious and substantive offer, but we're awaiting his reply," Coyotes General Manager Mike Barnett said Wednesday.

Barnett is Brett Hull's former agent, and Wayne Gretzky, the Coyotes managing partner, is a close friend of Hull.

Hull's agent, and younger brother, Bobby Hull Jr., confirmed the Coyotes are a major player in landing Hull.

"If you know the relationship between Brett and Wayne Gretzky, and Brett and Mike Barnett, you know what a great fit this would be," Bobby Hull Jr. said.

Hull, who will turn 40 next month, had 25 goals and 68 points last year for Detroit, his 18th NHL season. He ranks third in career goals with 741.

In other NHL news Wednesday, the Detroit Red Wings re-signed defenseman Mathieu Dandenault to a one-year contract worth \$1.6 million, General Manager Ken Holland said.

## Agassi ousted in Masters Canada

TORONTO — Andre Agassi was upset by Jurgen Melzer of Austria 6-3, 6-3 Thursday in the second round of the \$2.5 million Masters Canada tennis tournament.

Top-seeded Roger Federer topped Robin Soderling 7-5, 6-1 in a second-round match.

On Wednesday night, Andy Roddick beat French qualifier Julien Benneteau 6-4, 6-2 to reach the second round.

Four seeded players lost Wednesday: No. 8 Rainer Schuettler, No. 12 Sebastian Grosjean, No. 13

Nicolas Pietrangeli and No. 15 Marat Safin.

## No. 2 seed Mauresmo upset in California

CARLSBAD, Calif. — Alicia Molik used a dominating serve to upset second-seeded Amelie Mauresmo 7-5, 3-6, 6-3 Wednesday in the second round of the Acura Classic.

Molik, unseeded and ranked 29th in the world, lost just two points on five service games and none in the last three.

Fourth-seeded Lindsay Davenport won the final nine games to beat Karolína Sprem 6-4, 6-0.

## Trojans favored to win Pac-10 title

LOS ANGELES — Defending national champion Southern California was the unanimous choice to repeat as Pac-10 champ in preseason media balloting, the first time a team received all the first-place votes since the conference expanded to 10 teams in 1978.

California, the only team to beat USC last year, finished second in the preseason voting. Oregon (192 points) was picked to finish third and was followed by Oregon State (138), Washington State (133), Arizona State (131), Washington (100), UCLA (98), Stanford (40) and Arizona (38).

Meanwhile, USC coach Pete Carroll believes a decision from the NCAA on wide receiver Mike Williams' eligibility will come within a couple of weeks.

## Hamilton Jr. to replace Craven in 2005

HICKORY, N.C. — PPI Motorsports has signed Bobby Hamilton Jr. to replace Maine's Ricky Craven as driver of the No. 32 Chevrolet in the 2005 NASCAR Nextel Cup series.

Hamilton races full-time in the Busch Series for Team Rensi Motorsports and has five career victories. He finished fourth last season and is currently eighth in the Busch standings.

# Big Mac eaten up in Western Am

The Associated Press

BENTON TOWNSHIP, Mich. — It certainly wasn't a home run for Mark McGwire on Wednesday.

The former slugger made his debut in major amateur golf with a 12-over 82 in the 102nd Western Amateur, leaving him 17 strokes behind the leaders and tied for 152nd in the field of 156.

"I feel like a rookie playing in his first major league game, very much so," McGwire said at the Point O'Woods Golf and Country Club. "I have a long way to go to play with these guys."

McGwire is a long shot to make the cut after Thursday's second round, which pares the field to 64 for match play.

"I love to watch these guys play," McGwire said. "They can really get up and down and they consistently make good shots. I was kind of in awe of them."



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# Gaffe in Bryant case reveals evidence

BY JON SARCHIE  
The Associated Press

DENVER — In a sealed document mistakenly posted on a court Web site, the judge in the Kobe Bryant rape case said hospital tests performed on the basketball star found his accuser's DNA — but none from an unidentified person whose DNA showed up on other evidence.

Bryant's lawyers could use the findings at his upcoming trial to bolster their claim that the woman had sex with men other than Bryant during the week of the alleged attack. They had succeeded earlier this month in getting District Judge Terry Ruckriegle to throw out the same results on grounds that investigators didn't have the proper court order to take Bryant to the hospital in the middle of the night.

In his filing, Ruckriegle said the prosecution does not intend to introduce the same details and he ordered both sides to come up with an agreement by Friday.

Bryant's attorneys have said they believe the 20-year-old woman had multiple sex partners in the three days before her hospital

exam last summer, including one after her encounter with Bryant. The woman's attorney has denied that she had sex soon after the alleged assault.

Bryant has pleaded not guilty to felony sexual assault, saying he had consensual sex with the woman at the Vail-area resort where she worked last summer. If convicted, the Los Angeles Lakers' star faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation, and a fine up to \$750,000.

The court order, which included the accuser's last name, appeared Wednesday on a Web site where public filings have been posted for months as a convenience to court staff and the media.

The site was shut down for about three hours to remove the document.

State spokeswoman Karen Salaz said the mistake stemmed from a new posting procedure and that a clerk chose the wrong document to post without a "critical safeguard" in place. The state court administrator plans to apologize to the accuser and her family and is weighing unspecified actions involving staff, Salaz said.

The posting was the latest in a string of mistakes that the accuser's attorney, John Clune, has said prompted her to consider dropping out of the case. He declined to comment about his client's resolve to continue her participation.

"It is inconceivable how this court can explain its continual pattern of revictimizing this 20-year-old girl," Clune said in a written statement Wednesday. "This judge must learn that the trust that a victim places in the judiciary is the foundation for the courage that all victims must have to endure the brutal nature of rape prosecutions."

Clune has asked Ruckriegle to halt use of the Internet and e-mail to distribute information about the case. The judge has not ruled on the request.

In September, the woman's name was included in another filing on the Web site that was quickly removed. Last fall, the Glenwood Springs hospital where she and Bryant were examined accidentally turned over her medical records to attorneys in the case.

Ruckriegle is expected to talk with attorneys in the case during a hearing Friday about what information should be redacted before the documents are released.

# Stojakovic won't play in Athens

The Associated Press

Pepa Stojakovic said Wednesday he won't play for Serbia and Montenegro in the Athens Olympics, depriving the defending world champions of their best perimeter scorer.

The three-time NBA All-Star said he was tired and that his decision is irreversible — even though people in his homeland are urging him to change his mind.

No way. I already spoke with the team officials. We talked about it, and it's done," Stojakovic told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "I'm not going to go."

Stojakovic will be in Greece during the Olympics, fulfilling the end of a three-month stint in the Greek army. He holds dual citizenship in Greece and Serbia and Montenegro.

Stojakovic said he planned to watch the Games with friends from the beach in Thessaloniki, where he keeps a home. Stojakovic's girlfriend, who also lives there, is expecting a baby in two to three weeks.

"I've played for the national team for six years," he said. "Every summer there is something going on — the world championships, the European championship, the Olympics. I just felt tired."

The absence of Stojakovic could hurt Serbia and Montenegro's chances for a medal.

Serbia and Montenegro, Spain and Lithuania are considered among the top European contenders to advance in the medal round.

"I don't know what kind of chances they'll have," Stojakovic said. "I wish them the best and I'm hoping for the best."

## Heat re-sign Rasual Butler

MIAMI — The Miami Heat gave Shaquille O'Neal some front-court help Wednesday by re-signing free agent forward Rasual Butler.

Butler, a 6-foot-7 small forward and a second-round draft pick in 2002, averaged 6.8 points and 1.4 rebounds in 45 games last season. He also led the team in three-point field goal percentage (.463).

He has averaged 7.2 points, 2.1 rebounds, 1.0 assists in two seasons with the Heat.

With Caron Butler having been involved in the blockbuster trade with the Los Angeles Lakers for O'Neal, Rasual Butler became a projected starter for the Heat alongside guards Dwyane Wade and Eddie Jones.

## Nets sign free agent guards Vaughn, Buford

NEWARK, N.J. — The New Jersey Nets signed O'Neal's former front-court partner Jacques Vaughn and Rodney Buford on Thursday.

The Nets hope Vaughn can provide productive minutes off the bench to give Jason Kidd time to rest. Kidd is recovering from knee surgery.

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# More history for Percival

## Closer earns 300th save with Angels

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Troy Percival and John Lackey teamed up for another history-making night for the Anaheim Angels.

Percival earned his 300th career save, and Lackey allowed three hits in 8½ innings, leading Anaheim to a 2-0 victory over the Texas Rangers on Wednesday night.

They also collaborated in Game 7 of the 2002 World Series, with Lackey getting the win and Percival closing it out to secure the Angels' first championship.

"It's just an honor to be involved in this game with him getting to 300," Lackey said. "He's such a professional and such a great guy to play with. I have no idea how many of my games he's closed out, but most of the time when he comes in, it's pretty much over."

Percival became the 18th member of the 300-save club, striking out Alfonso Soriano and getting Mark Teixeira to ground out to end the game. The right-hander was hugged by first baseman Darin Erstad, and then catcher Bengie Molina before the entire team congratulated him near the mound.

"All of us know it is a pretty good milestone — I mean, only 18 people have done it thus far," Percival said. "I was out there when my teammates needed me 300 times, and I'm real proud of that. It was good to get it out of the way so that we could just concentrate on winning ballgames."

As he walked off the field, Percival waved to the crowd just before walking into the dugout. A video montage of his career highlights was also played on the scoreboard.

Once inside the clubhouse, he was toasted by his teammates with cups of beer instead of the usual champagne that's brought out for such an occasion.

"To the greatest closer we know, without question," injured pitcher Jarrod Washburn said.

Moments later, Percival posed for a group picture holding a baseball with "300" on it. Surrounding him were Lackey, Washburn and the rest of the relievers. Percival then looked at setup man Francisco Rodriguez and handed him the ball.

"Frankie, you definitely have to get in here for this because I'm going to be back here for your 300th," Percival said.

Despite his second save in two



Anaheim Angels pitcher Troy Percival works in the ninth inning against the Texas Rangers at Anaheim Stadium on Wednesday. The Angels beat the Rangers 2-0 and Percival earned his 300th career save.

nights, Percival's milestone required a long wait. It was only his fourth opportunity to close a game since June 1. He spent two weeks on the disabled list because of inflammation in his elbow.

The four-time All-Star recorded his first big league save on

July 14, 1995, at Detroit. He had a career-high 42 in 1998 and became the Angels career saves leader on June 20, 1999, when he eclipsed Bryan Harvey's mark of 126.

"Early in my career, 300 saves was the only goal I had — if I could be around long enough to

get it," Percival said. "I thought to myself, if I could get 300, I'd feel like I'd accomplished something — especially knowing that Goose Gossage, one of my favorite players of all time, had over 300. But I hadn't thought about it again until this year."

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